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HISTORY OF THE CLARK FAMILY Madison County, Iowa

Dedicated to Our Grandparents
CALEB AND RUTH CLARK

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PREFACE

Since our Grandparents were the first settlers of Madison County, Iowa, it has been my ambition to leave a record of the family as far as I am able to gather it.

I have been unable, without too much expense, to find any records farther back than our great grandparents.

I went to the state library and found the histories of both Alleghany County, New York, and Wayne County, Indiana, and also the Clark family records that are there, but was unable to find any name that would lead me to believe we were in any way connected with the Clarks given in these records, I even tried to get in touch with some of the folks in Buehanan County, Missouri, but failed in that also.

I am truly sorry that I am unable to go farther back ,as I know some of us had hoped for that information.

I have tried to get authentic information. Some records are incomplete, and if mistakes are made, it is unintentional.

Ada M. Hoots.

Daughter of C. F. Clark.



THE NAME AND FAMILY OF CLARK

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The name of Clark or Clarke Is sald to have been derived from the office of "Clerk" or Clergyman and was originally written in the forms of Clerk and Clerke, which are now practically extinct as surnames. It is also found on ancient records in the forms of Clericus (Latin), Clerck, and Clerc, but the other two forms mentioned at the beginning of this article are those generally used today.

This family is claimed by some authorties to have been of Irish ancestry and descended from the extremely ancient and distinguished line of the O'Clerys, of whom it is said that one of the line assumed the name of Clark or Clarke in the twelfth century and perhaps made his home in Scotland, as some of his descendants undoubtedly did.

Several branches of this family were also to be found in England at early dates and among their records are those of Boniface Clericus and Thomas le Clerk of Lincolnshire in 1273, Gilbert le Clerk of Oxfordshire, Thomas le Clarck of Bucklinghamshire, John le Clerck of Bedfordshire In the time of King Edward the Flrst, Robertus Clarke and Henricus Clerk of Yorkshire In 1379, and John Clerke of Suffolk county in the early sixteenth century, who is said to have been the father of John and Thomas of whom the first marrled Catharine Cooke and had issue by her of John, Thomas, Carew, Christopher, John, Mary, and Margaret, of whom the second had issue by his wife Rose Keridge or Herrige of Margaret, Carew, Thomas,, Mary, John, William, and Joseph, of whom the sons, Carew, John, Thomas, and Joseph emigrated to America about 1637 and will be mentioned later.

One of the first of the name to emigrate to America was Thomas Clarke, who is said to have come from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Mass., In 1623 and to have first married Susannah Ring, by whom he had Andrew, James, Susannah, William, John, and Nathaniel. He is believed to have had no further lesue by either his second or third wife,

About 1630 one William Clark or Clarke came from England to Dorchester, Mass., whence he removed to Northampton at a later date. By his wife Sarah, he is said to have been the father of Sarah (died young), Jonathan, Nathanlel, Experience, Increase, Rebecca, John, William and Sarah. In 1676 he married a second wife the Widow Sarah Cooper, but had no children by her.

One Nicholas Clark (e), came to Boston In 1632 and later made his home at Hartford, Conn., where he died in 1680, leaving several children, among whom was a son named Thomas.

One John Clarke Is said to have emigrated to Newtown, Mass., about 1632 and finally made his home at Milford, Conn. By his wife, whose name is not known, he had John, Joseph, Ellzabeth, and Sarah, as well as possibly others. This John is sald to have had a brother named George, who also resided at Milford and was the father by his wife Sarah of Hannah, Ruth, Sarah, Rebecca, Mary, Ablgail, Elizabeth and George.

Thurston Clark (e) is said to have come from the county of Suffolk, England, to Plymouth, Mass., as early as 1634, and to have been the father by his wife Faith of Faith, Thurston, Henry and possibly others.

Another John Clark (e) is said to have come from the county of Suffolk, England, about 1634, and settled at New Haven, Conn. He was the father of, probably, among others, John, Samuel, and Esther.

In 1635 one Joseph Clark came from Cheshire, England, to Cambridge, Mass., whence he removed to Windsor, Conn., where he died in 1641, leaving two children, Joseph and Mary. He was followed at a slightly later date by his brother, Daniel, who also settled at Windsor and had issue by his wife Mary Newberry of Mary (dled young), Josiah, Elizabeth, Daniel, John, Mary, Samuel, Sarah, Hannah, and Nathanlel, He had no further issue by his second wife the Widow Martha (nee Pitkin) Wolcott.

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1 - 7 - 14 - - - -1 1 1 Thomas Clark (e) of Dorchester, Mass., in 1636 and later of Boston, is said to have had issue by his wife Mary of Mehitable, Elizabeth, Deborah, Thomas, Leah, and others.

One Samuel Clark is said to have come from Devonshire, England, to Wethersfield, Conn., in 1636, and to have married Hanah Fordham, by whom he was the father of Samuel, William, Joseph and others.

In 1637 or shortly thereafter the before mentioned emigrant brothers of the county of Suffolk, England, came to America and settled at Newport, R. I. Of these, Carew is said to have had no children; Thomas had a wife named Jane, but no children; John had three wives but no issue by any of them; and Joseph had two wives and ten children, Joseph, John, William, Susanna, Mary, Joshua, Sarah, Thomas, Carew and Elizabeth.

About 1638, another John Clark (e) was living at Newbury with his wife Martha Saltonstill, by whom he had issue of John Jemima, and others.

James Clark of New Haven about 1638, is said to have been the father of Ebenezer and other children by a first wife and possibly of others by his second wife the Widow Ann Wakefield.

One William Clark (e) was at Hartford in 1639 and died in 1681, leaving four sons, William, John, Joseph, and Thomas, as well as several daughters.

Arthur Clark (e) of Salem in 1640, is said to have previously resided at Hampton and to have removed at a later date to Boston. By his wife Sarah he had, among others, Sarah and Samuel.

Hugh Clark (e) of Watertown, Mass., in 1640 was the father by his wife Elizabeth of John, Uriah, and Elizabeth.

In 1639 or shortly thereafter one Jeremiah Clarke made his home at Newport, having been previously at Portsmouth, R. I. He was the father of Walter, Jeremiah, Latham, Weston, James, Frances, Mary, and Sarah.

Another John Clark (e) is said to have lived at Saybrook and to have been the father of John, Joseph, Rebecca, and others in 1639.

Another Thomas Clark (e) was living in 1640 at Boston and had issue by his wife Elizabeth of Cornclius, Jacob, Rachel, and Benjamin.

Another William Clark (e) was at Lynn, Mass., In 1640 and had issue by his wife Mary of Lydia, Hannah, Sarah, Mary, William, Elizabeth, Martha, and John,

One Jonas Clark (e) was settled at Cambridge, Mass., prior to the year 1642, and was the father by his wife Sarah of Thomas (died young), Sarah, Jonas, and Mary. In 1649 he married Elizabeth Clark, who gave him further issue of Elizabeth, Thomas, John (died young), Timothy, Samuel, Abigail, and Mary. By his third wife Elizabeth he had John, Nathaniel, Joseph, Hannah, and Susanna.

One Joseph Clark settled at Medfield, Mass., before 1642, and had issue by his wife Alice Pepper, of Joseph, Benjamin, Ephriam, Danicl, Mary, Sarah, John, Nathaniel, and Rebecca.

Richard Clarke of Rowley, Mass., about 1643 is said to have had issue by his wife Alice of Judah, Hester, Mary, John and Martha.

In 1646 one Christopher Clark (e) was living at Boston and by his wife Rebecca he was the father of Dorothy, John, Peter, Rebecca, Christopher, Daniel, Elizabeth and Mary.

Edward Clark (e) of Haverhill in 1646 is said to have removed to New Hampshire and to have had a son named Edward, as well as possibly others.

James Clark (e) of Boston in 1646 is said to have had issue by his wife Elinor of Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Hannah, James, Samuel, John, Abigail, Mercy, and Aaron.

In 1647, another John Clark (e) lived at Springfield and married Elizabeth Stebbins, who gave him at least three children, John, Sarah, and Mary, and possibly others.

Edmund Clark (e) of Gloucester, Mass., in 1650 was the father by his wife Agnes of Abigail. Joseph and probably of others as well.

Others of the name who emigrated to America in the latter half of the seventeenth century and are known to have left male issue were John of New London in 1656, who had a son named John; Thomas of Reading in 1658, who had a son named Thomas; William of Boston in 1659, who had a son named Joseph, and possibly John and Samuel; John of New Haven in 1661, who had a son of the same name; William of Haddam, Conn. in 1662, who had Thomas, William, John and Joseph; Thomas of Ipswitch in 1662 who had Thomas and Josiah; Nathanial of Newbury in 1663 who was the father of Nathanial Thomas, John, Henry, Danlel, and Josiah; Thad_ deus of Falmouth in 1663 who had a son named Isaac; Robert of Stratford in 1665 who had a son John; John of Hartford before the

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year 1667, who was the father of John and Matthew: Samuel of Boston in 1674, who had a son of that name; Percival of Boston in 1675, who was the father of John, Robert, Gamaliel, and others; William of Boston in 1679, who had a son of the same name; John of Roxbury in 1680, who had John and Samuel; Thomas of Yarmouth in 1682, who had a son of the same name; Jonathan of Newbury in 1683, who was the father of Oliver, Samuel, and Jonathan; Thomas of Charlestown in 1684, who had a son named Thomas; George of Roxbury in 1695, who had two sons, George and Richard, and Jacob of South Carolina, in the early eighteenth century, who was the father of John, Jacob, and Joseph.

The descendants of these and probably of some of the many other early emigrants, whose records are not complete, have spread to practically every State of the Union and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors aided in the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their energy, ambition, industry, integrity, preseverance, intitiative, courage, resourcefulness, and leadership.

Among those of the name who fought as officers in the War of the Revolution were Lieutenant-Colonel John of Connecticut, Captains John and Robert of Pennsylvania, Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan and Brigadier-General George of Virglnia, Captains Norman and Silas of Massachusetts, Captains Oliver and Ethan of Rhode Island, and Colonel Thomas of North Carolina

A few of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America in more recent times are:

Alonzo Howard Clark of Boston, scientist, 1850-1918;

Champ Clark of Kentucky, statesman, 1850-1921;

Charles Hopkins Clark of Connecticut, newspaper editor, 1848-1926;

Clarence Don Clark of New York, legislator, 1851-1930.

William Andrews Clark of Pennsylvania, capitalist and United States Senator, 1839-1925;

James P. Clarke of Mississippi, public official and legislator, 1854-1916;

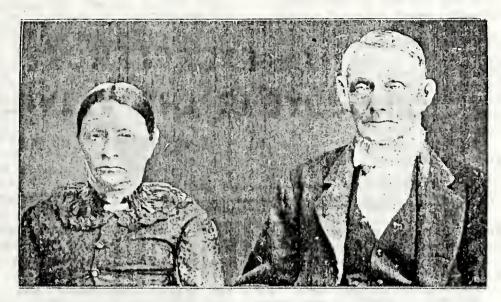
Thomas Shields Clarke of Pennsylvania, sculptor, 1860-1920; and

William Horatio Clarke of Massachusetts organist, 1840-1913.









CALEB AND RUTH CLANTON CLARK

First Settlers of Madison County, Iowa

July 28, 1818 — January 10, 1901

February 6, 1808 - November 12, 1894

Caleb Clark, born in Alleghaney County, New York, February 6, 1808, married Ruth Clanton in Quiney, Illinois, November 5, 1835. He was the son of Phineas and Charlotte Clark. Ruth Clanton Clark was born in Wayne County, Indiana, July 28, 1818, the daughter of Edward and Rachel Clanton.

They were the parents of fourteen children.

Louisa Jane, August 28, 1836 – August 29, 1874; Rachel Charlotte, September 23, 1838 May 14, 1928. Both born in Quincy, Illinois; Sarah Ellen, May 18, 1840 - December 13, 1894; Nancy Elizabeth, December 17, 1841—January 7, 1934; Cyntha Ann, May 20, 1843—May 24, 1858; Rufus, February 17, 1845—April 16, 1926. Four born in Buchanan County, Missouri, Mary Adeline, January 9, 1847—September 7, 1923; Adam, March 9, 1849-March 9, 1849; Joshua C., March 20, 1850-May 23, 1915; Stephen Denman, May 8, 1852—December 17, 1920. Later used Miles as name instead of Stephen. Martha Orlena, August 3, 1854—Oetober 2, 1935; Joel Nathan, November 11, 1857—July 28, 1927; Caleb Franklin, March 8, 1859—December 24, 1924; Tina Belle, 1861—Dicd at about three years of age. Eight born in Madison County, Iowa.

Caleb and Ruth Clark established their home in Quincy, Illinois, Between 1838 and 1840 they moved to Buchanan County, Missouri. He kept a grocery store in Fairwest. This was near St. Joseph and Fairwest isn't there now.

April 1, 1846, they, with six small children, started from Buchanan County, Missouri. There were no roads, and they had to go by waybill. They drove two yeke of

oxen. Besides the Clark family, the party was composed of Mrs. Rachel Clanton, 62 years old, the mother of Mrs Clark, her wagon drawn by horses, and her sons and families, Isaae, Joel, and Charlie Clanton, each with his own covered wagon drawn by oxen and two young men, Reuben Lee and Charlie McRay. There were eighteen children under the age of twelve years in the party. Polly, the daughter of Joel Clanton, the youngest belng six weeks old when they left Messourl.

They arrived in Madison County, Iowa May 3, 1846, and settled about one-half mile north of St. Charles, Iowa. Joel Clanton settled just west of St. Charles, Isaac just across from Joel, and Charlie not far away.

Caleb Clarks moved to a farm on North River a few years later, and moved to the stone house in the southwest part of Winterset, then Lincoln township, where they lived until death.

Caleb Clark was a stone mason by trade and his sons followed the same trade for they became brick layers, contractors and builders of monuments. Several of the grandchildren and even the great-grandeh ldren are following the same trade, and adding to that, ecment work.

Joel Clanton lived in Madison county until his death January 25, 1892. He was born January 22, 1815 in Wayne County, Indiana. The Clantons moved from Wayne County, Indiana to Scott County, Illinois. In 1831 they moved to Adams County, Illinois. Joel Clanton married Sarah Hudson in 1836. They moved to Buchanan County, Missouri in 1838. They were the parents of 15 ehll-



dren, William W., Charles Frank, Polly Adaline, Isaac, Nancy E., and Rachel are the only names of their children I have.

Mrs. Rachel Clanton died in 1856 and Isaac in 1858. Charley Clanton moved to Oregon in 1861 and later into Washington.

Polly Clanton, Joel's daughter, married Alfred Souders, April 17, 1862. Their children, Nancy Jane Wheeler (deceased), Mrs. Nettie Winkler of Los Angeles, California, J. William Souders and Mrs. Alice Fisher of Wayne, Nebraska and Frank of Villisca, Iowa, Mrs. Sarah Black and Mae Souders of St. Charles, Iowa.

Riley and Sarah Black's children are Mrs. Villa Bumbarger, Ora, Garry, Keith, (deceased), and Gladys.

Garry Black's children are Belva and Jeanne.

Mrs. Villa Bumbarger's children are Mrs. Chleo Armstrong, Wayne, Mrs. Garneta Shutt and Arlo.

Ora Black's children are Roland, Ardis and Betty.

James and Rachel Fulton's children are Mrs. Bessie Downs (deceased), Fred, and Hugh, (deceased).

Cash and Bessie Downs' children are Vernon, Bcatrice, Gladys Ruth (deceased), Kenneth, Dorothy and Thelma Fay (deceased).

C. Frank Clan'on's children are George (deceased), Mrs. Lizzie Pefley and James Clanton.

Lizzie Pefley's children are Mrs. Mae Faust and Anne Pefley. Mrs. Faust's children are Faun, Forrest, Deane and Charles. James Clanton has one son, Loy.

Nancy E. (Aunt Betsey) Roach's children are Ravel, Roy and Ira,

Isaac Clanton, Sr.'s children are Joel and Wesley and Charley of Indianola, Iowa.

Caleb Clark's father was a Primitive Baptist minister. Caleb and Ruth Clark were charter members of the Church of Christ in Winterset, Iowa. This church was organized in December 1852, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brinson.

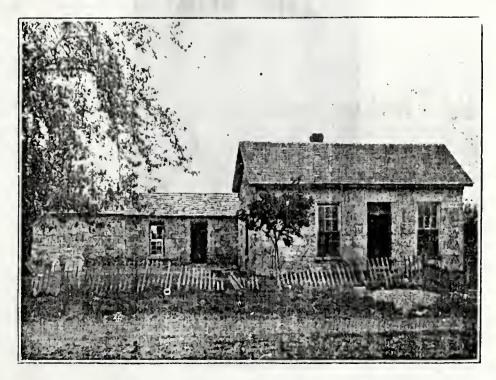
Caleb Clark's brothers and sisters were Ransler, Rufus, a saddler by trade, Norris and Joshua, twin brother of Caleb, Lottie and Sally. One sister was killed at a log house raising.

Joshua stayed in Buchanan County, Missouri. His children's names were Lafayette, William Henry, Ben, Lindy, Ann, and Jane.

Ruth Clark's brothers and sisters were Joel, Isaac, Charlie, Nancy Clanton Deck, Polly Clanton Hodge, and Betsey.

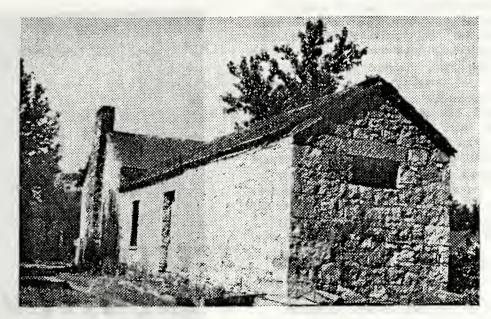
The Madison County histories say Hiram Hurst was the first settler of Madison County, but by what can be gathered from our records, he wasn't just exactly sure what day he came. Our folks didn't see him for about two weeks after they settled, when they were out hunting bee trees. Grandfather had been over the territory prior to the time when they found Hurst's hut.

The Guyes also came just a few days after the Clarks and Clan.ons. There has been much disputing about who arrived in Madison County first. At least it is certain that the Clarks, Clantons, Hursts and Guyes came eatly in the spring of 1846.

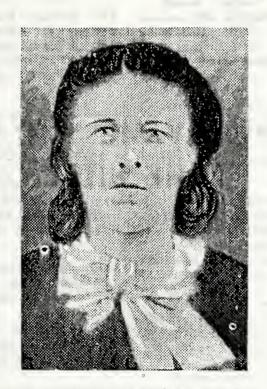


Front View of the Old Stone House Built in 1855





Rear View Showing Fireplace, Chimney and Smokehouse



LOUISA JANE CLARK

August 28, 1836 — August 29, 1874

Born in Quincy, Illinois.







RACHEL CHARLOTTE GORDON

September 23, 1838 — May 14, 1928

Born in Quincy, Illinois,

Rachel Charlotte Clark married John Newton Gordon, June 19, 1856. He was born in Ripley County, Indiana, June 16, 1835, the son of Irvin and Sarah Gordon. Deceased May 7, 1915. Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Albert T., July 18, 1857—September 19, 1930; Morgan, February 28, 1859—March 11, 1924; Nancy Ellen. April 8, 1861—December 22, 1864; Lilie Ann, July 1, 1864—July 13, 1864; Newton D., Scptember 4, 1865; Nelson Clark, August 11, 1868; Hallie B., July 4, 1871; William, July 30, 1873; Arthur, August 30, 1876; Clarence, March 22, 1881—August 2, 1882.

Albert T. Gordon married Alice Allen, April 8, 1878, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Occupation, musician and band leader.

Children: Avo, Essie, deceased.

Married Lulu E. Creech in 1893

Avo Gordon married William Bailey. Occupation, actor.

Children: Willard Gorgon, deceased in infancy, and Robert.

Robert Balley married Children: A daughter,

Essle Gordon married Ed Stradley. Children: One deceased at birth. Morgan Gordon married Emma Huss, April 2, 1885. She was born in Johnson County, Iowa, Marca 27, 1861, the daughter of James and Mary Ann McArthur Huss.

Occupation, builder and contractor. Home, Huron, South Dakota.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Ersie Lloyd, May 28, 1886; Fay, December 12, 1887; Fern, December 8, 1889; Maurice, June 26, 1890; Hazel, June 28, 1892; Oakley August 28, 1894; Leone, April 6, 1897.

Ersie Lloyd Gordon married Cecile Ruff. Occupation, brick layer. Home, Huron South Dakota.

Children, all born in Huron, South Dakota: Richard Keith; Daughter, deceased young; Brucc; Frank.

Faye Gordon married William E. Haugen. Occupation, manager of the telephone exchange at Hartford, South Dakota.

Children, born in Dakota: Betty Ann; Billy Gordon; Mary Jane.

Fern Gordon married Jay Karr. Occupation highway engineer. Home, Adel, Iowa.

Children: Jay Miles.

Maurice Gordon married Hilda Lund,
the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lund.

Occupation, farmer. Home, Puyallup, Washington,

Children: Wensel Wayne, Eugene Clare, Eileen, Jay, Charles Morgan.

Hazel Gordon married William W. Howes. He is assistant postmaster general at Washington, D. C.

Children: Mary Senate.

Mary Senate Howes married John Alexander Stuart, of Boston, Massachusetts. June 26, 1937.

Oakley Gordon married Frances Poe. He works for the Northwestern Public Service company at North Platte, Nebraska.

Leone Gordon married Edward Light.
Occupation, railroad man. Home, Tracy,
Minnesota.

Newton D. Gordon married Lulu Huss in 1885, the daughter of James and Mary Ann McArthur Huss.

Occupation, minister of the Church of Christ in Christian Union.

Home, Indianola, Iowa. Has been Mayor of Indianola for a number of years,

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Bertha, twin, one deceased at birth, 1886; Ethel; Carmon, deceased June 21, 1895; Ronald; Forest; Marjorie.

Ronald is a musician.

Bertha Gordon married Goldle S. Dorrell. He was born in Winterset, Iowa, the son of Nicholas and Mary June Belcher Dorrell. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children: Warren; Nicholas; Beatrice and Lillian, twins; Woodrow; Billy and Betty, twins; Ronald and Donald, twins,



born December 20, 1921. Donald died February 19, 1937. Born in Indianola, Iowa.

Warren Dorrell married Rachel. Children, two daughters and a son.

Nicholas Dorrell married Pearl Gideon. Home, St. Charles, Iowa. Children, Deane Dorrell.

Beatrice Dorrell married George W. Bradshaw. Home, Newton, Iowa.

Lillian Dorrell married Wayne Allen, the son of Ernest and Bertha Allen. Children, one.

Ethel Gordon married H. L. Cosner. Occupation, professor. Home, Conrad, Iowa. Children: Gordon L.; Carmen.

Gordon L. Cosner married Marion Vasey of Graettinger, Iowa in 1936.

Occupation, professor.

Forest Gordon married Mary Weston. Children: Delbert Lavonne, Betty Jo, Ruth Elaine.

Home, Indianola, Iowa. Children born in Indianola, Iowa: Delbert; LaVonne,

Marjorie Gordon married Glenn Mc-Cleod, who died November, 1934. Children: Richard McCleod.

Nelson C. Gordon married Mary Bass, April 9, 1891, the daughter of and Emily Linton Bass. Home, Caldwell, Idaho where they moved in 1904.

Children: Geneve, December 18, 1893. Born in Winterset, Iowa; Emily, born in Caldwell, Idaho.

Geneve Gordon married Charles Watts. Home, Caldwell, Idaho.

Emily Gordon married Ralph Anderson. Home, Caldwell, Idaho. Children: Gordon, Mary Jane.

Hallie B. Gordon married James F. Turner, January 21, 1891. He was born in Clark County, Iowa, August 1, 1868, the son of Peter and Jane Morman Turner. Occupation, carpenter. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children: Bernice, May 9, 1898. Born in Winterset, Iowa.

Bernice married James F. Horsburgh, January 21, 1930. Home, Des Moines, Iowa. Occupation, policeman.

William Gordon married Anna Burns, December 21, 1892. She was born in Canada. July 31, 1876, the daughter of John and Sarah Greer Burns. Occupation, painter and paper hanger. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children: Charles; Harold, May 9, 1898; Gladys, February 4, 1900—March 26, 1925; Hall.e; Madeline. All born in Winterset, Iowa.

Charles Gordon married Brona Hall. She was born in Missouri.

Harold Gordon married Mildred Sloan. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Children: Billy. Born in Winterset, Iowa.

Gladys Gordon married Earl Cooper.

Children: Anna Belle.

Gladys died March 26, 1925, and Anna Belle lives with her grandparents, William and Anna Gordon.

Hallie Gordon married Otis E. Groom. Home, Des Moines, Iowa.

Madeline Gordon married Bernard Morrissey March 3, 1933. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, the son of P. C. and Anna Bruns Morrissey. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Occupation, truck operator. Children: Eddie Wayne, September 13, 1935.

Arthur Gordon married Sarah Kate Lease, March 10, 1896. She was born in 1881, the daughter of Richard and Alzina Burleson Lease, deceased in 1920.

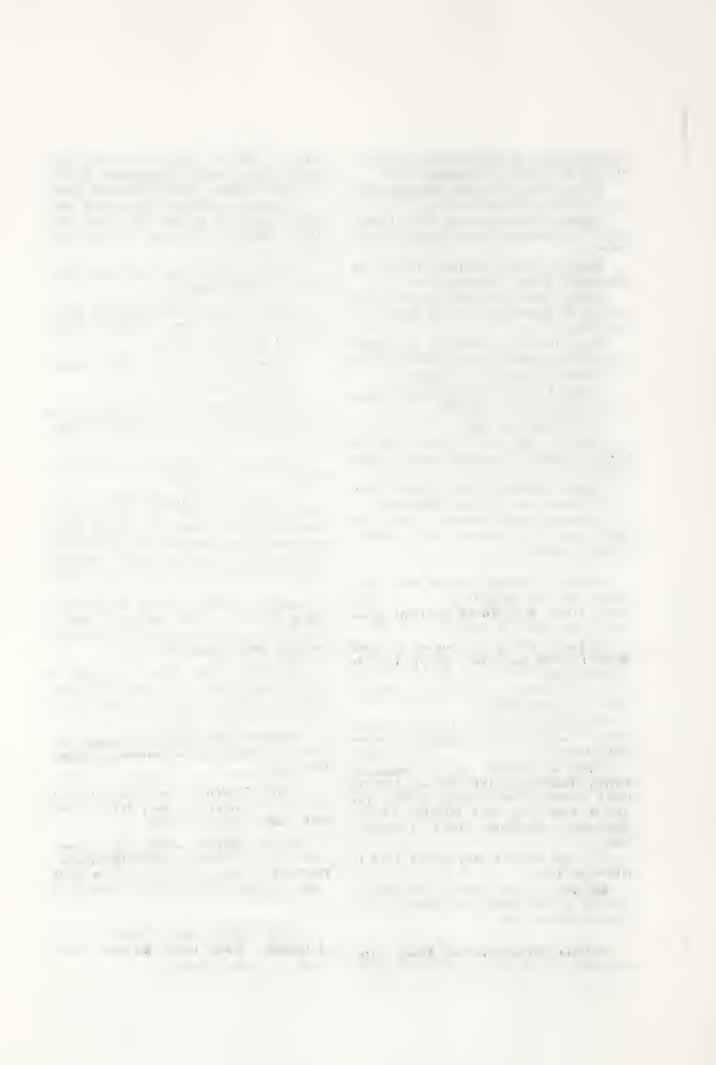
Home, Winterset, Iowa. Occupation, a painter; sign painting a specialty. Children: Willard; Mildred; Margaret; George. All born in Winterset, Iowa.

Willard Gordon married Amanda Tennyson. She was born in Dakota. Children: Katherine.

Mildred Gordon married Russell Howell, the son of Lanson and Mary Howell. Children: Alzina Joyce; Gordon.

Margaret Gordon married Orval Beerbower, son of Harley and Etta McMicheal Beerbower. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Children: James; Phyllis. Born in Winterset, Iowa.

George Gordon married Rose of Manning, Iowa. Home, Manning. Occupation, musician, orchestra.





SARAHELLEN WILKINSON

May 18, 1840 — December 13, 1894 Born in Buchanan County, Missouri.

Sarah Ellen Clark, daughter of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, married John Wilkinson, June 6th, 1861. He was born April 28, 1839 in Pike County, Illinois, the son of John and Clarissa Mathews Wilkinson. He came to Iowa in 1847. Occupation, blackmith. Deceased 1903.

Children all born in Madison County, Iowa Henry, March 21, 1862; William W., October 28, 1863; Lena, August 19, 1865; Oscar, 1869—February 1, 1934; Elmer, July 8, 1871; Caleb; John, Jr.; Rollie; Pearl, 1886.

Henry Wilkinson married Minnie Darnell, May 5, 1887. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, July 24, 1867, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Leinard Darnell.

Occupation, blacksmith, a trade which he followed until age of retirement. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children born in Winterset, Iowa: Clyde, September 30, 1888; Beulah, November 13, 1890; George, September, 1892—October 15, 1918.

Clyde Wilkinson married Ruth Smith, February 22, 1912. She was born January 26, 1892 the daughter of James and Isabelle Walker Smith. Occupation, druggist. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Children: Wilma, February 13, 1913; Robert, December 23, 1915; Jimmie George, November 9, 1922.

Wilma Wilkinson married Robert Beverlin, the son of Omar and Kate Beverlin.

Children: Barbara Lee, December 25, 1933. Born in Winterset, Iowa.

Beulah Wilkinson married Harry Balch, September 7, 1911. He was born August 21, 1891, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Balch. Employed in government printing office in Washington, D. C. Home, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Clyde Wilkinson, June 11, 1917; Bernard Russell, April 30, 1922; Paul, September 26, 1925—December 5, 1930.

George Wilkinson was a soldier in the World War, Sergeant in Company A. 168 Infantry of the Rainbow Division. He was killed on Hill 288 Argonne Forest, France, October 15, 1918.

William W. Wilkinson married Tina Thornburg, the daughter of Lewis and Anne-Leinard Thornburg. Occupation, blacksmith with his brother, Henry. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Winterset: Lloyd, October 23, 1889; Guy, August 19, 1891; Waldo, May 21, 1899.

Lloyd Wilkinson married Fern Lawrence. She was born in 1891, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lawrence. Deceased Nocember 16, 1925.

Occupation, employed by Iowa Power & Light Company.

Children: William Lawrence, April 5, 1923. Born in Winterset, Iowa.

Guy Wilkinson married Emily Thayer. Occupation, employed by Winterset Madisonian. Children: Robert, Bonnie May, Marjorie, Betty Ann, John, Willard.

Lena Wilkinson married George Shoemaker, November 6, 1883. He was born in Rushville, Illinois, September 2, 1862, the son of John C. and Mary Jane Steele Shoemaker. Occupation, farmer. Home, Madison County, Iowa.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Curtis C., January 3, 1886; Muriel Ethel, October 1, 1887; Minnie, August 27, 1889; Clarence, January 3, 1891; Flossie Jane, December 12, 1893; William, September 3, 1897—July 26, 1918; Glenn, July 30, 1899; Carl, August 12, 1901; Ralph and Ruth, twins, December 19, 1904; Donald, June 4, 1908.



Curtis C. Shoemaker married Verna Lois Cline, January 14, 1911. She was born in Winterset, Iowa, January 14, 1891, the daughter of Dodge and Lilly Thornburgh Cline. Home, Kalispell, Montana. Moved to Montana, August 1919. Occupation, farmer.

Children: Hugh Cline, July 27, 1912; John, December 4, 1913. Both born in Des Moines, Iowa. Helen Elizabeth, March 29, 1915; Grace Evelyn, September 4, 1916; George Curtis, July 12, 1918. Three born in Mitchellville, Iowa. Mary Ruth, December 12, 1920; William Glenwood, August 5, 1922; Doris Mae, February 17, 1924; Verna Marguerite, February 7, 1926; Carl Kenneth, January 2, 1928—December 24, 1928; Stanley Parks, May 29, 1930. All born in Creston, Flathead County, Montana.

Hugh Shoemaker married Virginia Melton. Children: Virgie Joan, 1935.

Grace Shoemaker married Jay Bell in 1935.

Muriel Shoemaker married Charles Freeman, born December 25, 1910, in Madison county, Iowa, the son of George R. and Christina Freeman. Deceased July 3, 1937. Soldier in World war; served oversea. Children: Christine and twin, deceased at birth, May 13, 1912.

George Byron (Bud), December 14, 1913. Both born in Madison County, Iowa; Virginia, October 18, 1915; Ethel, December 6, 1916. Both born in Hagerman, New Mexico.

Minnie Shoemaker married Harvey Foster, the son of George and Mary Caudle Foster, October 19, 1912. Occupation, farmer. Deceased, August 5, 1926.

Children: Fred, 1914 Della, 1915; Alfred 1916; Dorothy; Charlotte, 1920; Margaret; Jo Anne, 1927.

Della Foster married Otis Williams in 1936. Occupation, cook. Home, Los Angeles, California.

Clarence Shoemaker married Myrtle Weeks. Occupation, farmer. Home, New Providence, Iowa.

Children: Marjorie Ruth, September 27, 1915; Clarence Earl, September 1, 1917; William; Betty and deceased twin.

William Shoemaker was a soldier in the World War, Corporal in Company A. 168 Infantry, Rainbow Division, Killed in France, July 26, 1918.

Glenn Shoemaker married Gertrude Smith, in 1936, the daughter of Will J., and Sadie Ford Smith.

Ralph Shoemaker married Mable Eyerly daughter of George and Clara Bailey Eyerly.

Children: Patricia Ann, August 4, 1932.

Oscar Wilkinson married Julia Martino, Occupation, blacksmith. Home, Winterset, Iowa

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa¹ Pearl, Alvie, Blanche, one deceased.

Pearl Wilkinson married Glenn Sherard, Occupation, paper hanger and painter.

Children: Ermal, Amil, Dorothy, Glenna, Pearl, June 4, 1932.

Alvie Wilkinson married

Children: Hubert Oscar, Herbert Oscar, twins; Born in Winterset, Iowa.

Elmer Wilkinson married Charlotte She died October 17, 1933.

Children: Leva, Marvel, Glenn, Floyd.

Leva Wilkinson married Stanley Gustin. Home, Des Moines, Iowa. Children: Betty Jean, Coleen, Richard, Bobby, 1934.

Glenn Wilkinson married Edna Ackelson, the daughter of George and Cora Alley Ackelson. Home, Des Moines.

Children: Edgar, 1929; Cora Darlene, 1932.

Caleb I, Wilkinson married Lena Crawford.

Children: Agnes, 1897—1907; Don C., adopted son.

John Wilkinson married Irene Tiffany.

Children: Otis, deceased; Bernard.

Bernard Wilkinson married

Children: Richard, Gwendelyn; William; Harold.

Pearl Wilkinson married Floyd McKlnnis. Home, Des Moines, Iowa.





NANCY ELIZABETH SMITH

December 17, 1841 — January 7, 1934

Born in Buchanan County, Missouri

Nancy Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, was born December 17, 1841, in Fairwest, Buchanan County, Missouri. She married Stephen Smith, December 22, 1864. He was born February 7, 1829, in Jackson County, Indiana, the son of Aquilla and Betsy Collier Smith. After a few years, they settled on a farm in Lincoln township, where they lived until death. He died November 19, 1901, and she died January 7, 1934.

Children born in Madison County, Iowa: Charles F., December 3, 1867; Rose Etta, July 9, 1871-December 3, 1872.

Charles F. Smith married Etna Philips, August 18, 1892. She was born in Rochelle, Indiana, January 24, 1874, the daughter of Comer and Margaret McDole Philips. They established their home on the farm of his parents where they are still living.

Children, born in Madlson County, Iowa:

Neta, July 14, 1893; Ralph C., April 27, 1895.

Neta Smith married Benjamin Harrell, March 20, 1910. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, son of Lute and Elizabeth Van Buskirk Harrell. Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, born in Madison County, Iowa: Lloyd Benjamin, March 26, 1912—March 26, 1912; Bernice, June 26, 1913.

Bernice Harrell married Lester Gray December 24, 1931. He was born November 16, 1910 in Madison County, Iowa, the son of Cash and Maude Jackson Gray. Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

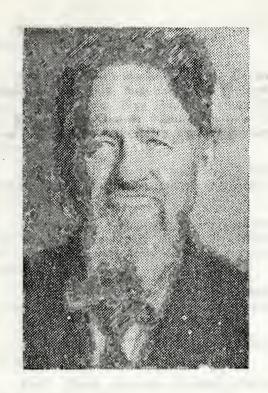
Ralph C. Smith married Estella Nelson, March 7, 1923. She was born in Adair County, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Nancy Elizabeth Murphy Nelson. Occupation, railroad shop man. Home Creston, Iowa.

Children: Katherine Joyce, June 3, 1927.

Served in World War, Battery E. 339th Field Artillery.







RUFUS CLARK

February 17, 1845 — April 16, 1926 Born in Buchanan County, Missouri

Rufus Clark, son of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, married Susan L. Templeman, September 3, 1871. She was born in Perry County, Ohio, May 22, 1851, the daughter of deceased March 11, 1913. He was a stone mason, following in the footsteps of his father.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Franklin J., June 2, 1872; Rose, March 31, 1874—March 31, 1930; Lulu, April 15, 1877—May 4, 1933; Jennie, September 8, 1878—December 26, 1881; Alvin R., 1880; Clarence, March 3, 1882—February 16, 1920; Bessie, June 28, 1884; Ethel Ivy, January 7, 1888—June 8, 1895.

Rufus married Mrs. Louisa Taylor, August 23, 1916. She was born April 20, 1846.

Franklin J. Clark married Clara May Cummins, February 22, 1899. She was born in Madison county, Iowa, June 20, 1876, the daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Alexander Cummins. Deceased October 29, 1932. Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Eva Marie, December 30, 1899; Otis, December 5, 1903; George, (deceased in infancy); Dorothy, (deceased in infancy).

Eva Marie Clark married Charles Stephenson, June 1, 1934. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stephenson of South Bend, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Rose Clark married Ditmus Morris. Occupation, painter and paper hanger.

Rose Morris married Richard Donaldson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson in 1901. He was born in 1869. Occupation, railroad man. Deceased March 11, 1927.

Lulu Clark married George Rippey, December 24, 1894. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, November 23, 1868, the son of Joseph and Marinda Thornburg Rippey.

Occupation, farmer. Home, Madison county, Iowa.

Children, born in Madison County, Iowa: Zaida, April 13, 1896; Cleo, May 23, 1898.

Zaida Rippey married Glenn Hayden, February 28, 1917. He was born in Adair county, Iowa, August 30, 1897, the son of Alfred R., and Dora Pierce Hayden. Occupation, farmer. They first lived in Garden County, Nebraska, near Lewellen. They now live at Gillette, Campbell County, Wyoming.

Children: Darrell Glenn, June 26, 1918; Donald Alfred, August 13, 1920. Both born at Lewellen, Garden County, Nebraska. Neva Maxine, March 17, 1922; Dayle George, July 17, 1923; Richard Robert, June 26, 1926; Norma Lou, March 14, 1929. Four born at Gillette Campbell County, Wyoming.

Cleo Rippey married Stella Miller, July 16, 1921. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, May 16, 1900, the daughter of Lee and Elizabeth Bertschi Miller. Home at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Alvin R. Clark married Bertha Paullin, She was born in Madison County, Iowa, In 1881, the daughter of Wm. and Matilda Cline Paullin, Deceased April 18, 1926. Ab worked for the Monument works for a number of years, and now lives on a farm.

Children: Helen, August 7, 1902, born ln Madison County, Iowa.

Alvin R. Clark married Esther Alexander, March 3, 1928. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, February 14, 1898, the daughter of Banks and Electa Bertholf Alexander.

Children: Shirley Ann, October 8, 1933. Born in Madlson County, Iowa.



Helen Clark married Jack Solue. Home Des Moines, Iowa.

Clarence Clark married Nora Walters November 27, 1901. She was born in Madison county, Iowa, May 15th, the daughter of Mathew and Jennie Adams Walters. He was a marble cutter for the Monument works.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Agnes, March 31; Cecil; Lucile; Maxine, January 8.

Agnes Clark married Judson Brooker the son of Nelson and Blanche Addy Brooker. He is an automobile dealer and garage man,

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Carroll, 1919; Robert Clarence, November 13, 1924; Evelyn; Joan. Oct 35/931

Carroll Brooker married Evelyn Finch in 1936.

Cecil Clark married Russell Barber September 9, 1923.

Children: Philip, born in Winterset, Iowa.

Lucile Clark married Raymond Alexander, November 21, 1925. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander. Occupation, a farmer in Madison County.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Eugene; Dolores Ann, April 5, 1929—May 29, 1935; Donald Raymond, February 21, 1934.

Maxine Clark married Gordon Evans, the son of Lyle and Pearl Gordon Evans. He works in the United Food Store in Winterset, Iowa. Children: Jackie DeWayne, March 31,

Bessie Clark married Thomas McCauley, March 17, 1901. He was born in Ireland, October 8, 1881, the son of Alex and Rebecca Montgomery McCauley. Occupation, a farmer. Home, Warren County, Iowa.

Children, three born in Madison County: Merl, October 4, 1902; John A., October 6, 1904—February 22, 1905; Hazel, June 27, 1907. Born in Lorimor, Iowa: Dolly, March 6, 1912; Gerald, May 7, 1916. Donald, May 10, 1919, born in Madison county, Iowa.

Merl McCauley married Dorothy Harmon, October 4, 1924. She was born in Creston, Iowa. He is a baker in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

Children: Joyce Marie, June 26, 1927.

Hazel McCauley married Mack Leach, November 7, 1925. He was born in Greenbush Illinois, January 27, 1902, the son of Jasper and Fannie Goodson Leach.

Children: Philip, January 15, 1927. Born in Madison County, Iowa.

Dolly McCauley married Lambert Brommel April 24, 1934. He was born in St. Mary's, Iowa, April 26, 1911, the son of Joe and Elizabeth Heinen Brommel. Occupation farmer,

Children: Ronald, 1935, born in Warren County, Iowa.

Gerald McCauley married Gretchen Parsons, in 1936.







MARY ADELINE TUSHA
January 9, 1847 — September 7, 1923
First white child born in Madison County. Ia.

Mary Adeline Clark, daughter of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, was the first white child born in Madison county. She was born January 9, 1847.

She was married to Andrew Tusha, March 11, 1865. He was born in Neder Mosburg, Germany, October 16, 1836. They spent a number of years on the farm, later moving to St. Charles. They moved to Elida, New Mexico, in 1906, where they spent the remaining years of their life. She died September 7, 1923 and he died August 18, 1924.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Emma, February 8, 1867—September 6, 1897; Estina Belle, January 12, 1870; Rufus Edward, October 12, 1871; Archie, November 11, 1875—December 24, 1893.

Emma Tusha married Ulyssis S. Grant Beem, son of William J. and Amanda L. Hecock Beem. Occupation, farmer.

Children, all born in Madlson County, Iowa: Clyde, November 6, 1891, Clair, November 6, 1891—1891, (twins); Delia, April 26, 1895. The family moved to North Dakota in 1901.

Clyde Beem was married to Hazel Maggart, September 25, 1912. She was born March 4, 1889, the daughter of Milton and Alice Raiper Maggart.

Children: Ellis Clair, October 23, 1913;

Irma Iola, April 10, 1915. Home, LaFeria, Texas.

Delia Beem married Paul Edwin Lindberg, July 30, 1913. He was born in Nebraska July 20, 1888, the son of Augustus and Carolina Johnson Lindberg.

Children: Maxine Evelyn, February 15, 1918; LaVonne Delia, February 16, 1929. Home, LaFeria, Texas.

Estina Belle Tusha was married to Samuel Edward Allen, April 15, 1890. He was born June 10, 1869, the son of William B. and Frances Ray Allen. They lived on a farm near St. Charles until 1906 when they moved to New Mexico where he was a cabinet maker for the Amarillo, Texas and Santa Fe Railroad. Deceased March 31, 1930.

They were the parents of six children, the four older children were born in Madison County, Iowa, two children were born in Roosevelt County, New Mexico: Delbert Earle, July 25, 1891; Muriel T., September 22, 1892; Fern E. July 29, 1894; Archie Ray, August 27, 1896; Clela Ruth, June 1, 1907; Naomi Frances, May 6, 1909.

Delbert Earle Allen was married to Shadye Colbert Haynes, December 10, 1910. She was born in Ellis county, Texas, September 1, 1891, the daughter of H. C. and Josephine Lattimore Haynes. He is the owner and superintendent of a canning factory in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Children: Irma Haynes, December 4, 1911, born in Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico; Edward Westerfield, November 10, 1913, born in Clovis, New Mexico; Catherine Rebecca, June 6, 1916, born in Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico; Delbert Earle November 29, 1919, born in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Merico; Teresa Adeline, March 12, 1921, born in Carlsbad, New Mexico; Marjorie Lurline, August 30, 1928, born in Siloam Springs, Benton County, Arkansas.

Irma Haynes Allen was married to Roby Brooks, June 5, 1929. He is the son of D. C. and Effic Brooks. Employed by a canning factory in Missouri.

Edward Westerfield Allen was married to Frances Butler, September 16, 1932. She is the daughter of Earnest and Fannie Butler

Children, born in Benton County, Arkansas: Marilyn Kay, May 29, 1935; Jo Lillian, June 25, 1936.

Catherine Rebecca Allen was married to Charles Carter, December 31, 1933.

Murlel T. Allen was married to Claude Trinin, January 20, 1914. He was born January 17, 1882 in Lamar County, Alabama, the son of Franklin and Louise Lucas Trimm. Home, Belen, New Mexico.



Children: Leo Claude, October 27, 1914, born in Roswell, New Mexico; Faye Belle, August 23, 1918, born in Clovis, New Mexico; Clela Frances, June 13, 1920, born in Roswell, New Mexico.

Fern E. Allen married Anthony L. Stecker, December 25, 1910. He was born in Hope, Kansas, November 13, 1888, the son of Anton and Emma Daetwiler Stecker. Occupation, carpenter. Home, Clovis, New Mexico.

Children, all born in Clovis, New Mexico: Mildred Fern, November 16, 1911; Evelyn Mary, July 24, 1917; Anthony Allen, December 13, 1919.

Mildred Fern Stecker married Coy Guy December 17, 1933. He was born February 28, 1912, in Clovis, New Mexico, the son of John W. and Sarah Jane Guy.

Children, born in Clovis, New Mexico: Coy Darrell, June 17, 1936. Home, Clovis New Mexico.

Archie Ray Allen married Elizabeth Eaker, January 1, 1921. She was born in Graves County, Kentucky, December 13, 1900 the daughter of Boyd and Aurora Wallis Eaker. Ray has a store in Vaughn, New Mexico.

Children, born in Vaughn, Quadalupe County, New Mexico: Arlan Ray, December 23,1925.

Clela Ruth Allen married Daniel Calhoun McCarty, May 26, 1929. He was born in Grant County, New Mexico, June 2, 1905, the son of Daniel Oscar and Gertrudc Anderson McCarty.

Children, born in Santa Rita, Grant County, New Mexico: Clela Ruth, August 30, 1930.

Naomi Frances Allen married Samuel James Timmons, August 3, 1930. He was born September 10, 1908, in Willow, Oklahoma, the son of Benson Edward and Nancy Fuqua Timmons.

Children, born In Vaughn, Quadalupe County, New Mexico: Frances Evelyn, July 7, 1932; James Edward, September 27, 1933.

Rufus Edward Tusha married Eliza Coltraine, November 25, 1896. She was born March 6, 1878, In Warren County, Iowa, the daughter of Isaac and Enima Clevenger Coltraine. The family moved to Elida, New Mexico, in November, 1905. He owned a grocery in Elida but is now on a ranch.

Children, the four oldest born In St. Charles, Iowa, the remaining children were born In Elida, New Mexico: Everett Andrew October 19, 1897; Archie Guile, August 9, 1899; Opal Lorene, July 26, 1901—October 3, 1919; Lela Ruth, April 2, 1904; Dorls E., May 29, 1906; Ercel E., April 3, 1910; Grace Elizabeth, November 1, 1912; Herold, December 10, 1916; Donald D., November 11, 1920.

Everett Andrew Tusha married Ola Hiatt, August 1, 1920. She was born in Clovis, New Mexico, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiatt,

Children: John Edward, November 11, 1924. Everett is the traveling passenger and freight agent for the A. T. and Santa Fe Railroad, having started to work at this at seventeen years of age.

Archie Guile Tusha married Myrtle Small, June 1, 1920, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Small.

Children: Mary Jean, August 18, 1930.

Archie worked for the A. T. and Santa Fe Railroad, as passenger agent, for tenyears.

Lela Ruth Tusha married Clifford Gower, July 8, 1924. He was born in Elida, New Mexico, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gower.

Children, born in Farmlngton, New Mexico; Ancle, April 17, 1925; Ruth, August 18, 1926.

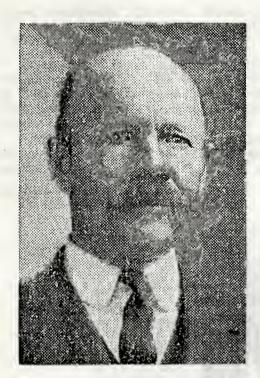
Doris E. Tusha was married to Embra J. Wall, July 12, 1924, the son of Edward and Ora Wall. He is in the hardware and implement business, in Elida, New Mexico.

Children, born in Elida, New Mexico: Cleo Embra, April 27, 1925.

Grace Elizabeth Tusha married Dale Tinnin, July 22, 1933. He works as parts man for Chevrolet Auto company of Rolls, Texas.

Herold Tusha married Lucile Verbridge December 25, 1935.





JOSHUA C. CLARK March 20, 1850 — May 23, 1915 Born in Madison County, Iowa

Joshua C. Clark married Cynthia Thornburg, May 17, 1875. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, June 14, 1852, the daughter of Absolam and Delilah Miller Thornburg, deceased July 11, 1912. Home in Winterset. Occupation, builder and contractor. Children all born in Winterset, Iowa.

Everett A., February 28, 1876; Claude, April 20, 1877; Thomas Audley, August 20, 1878; Walter, March 23, 1880; Ruth Ellen, February 23, 1882; Charles A., August 20, 1888.

Everett A. Clark married Bessie Casteel June 4, 1902. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, January 17, 1882, the daughter of Martin and Aliee Martin Casteel. Home Winterset, Iowa, where he was a gracery for many years.

Children: Elizabeth, May 5, 1903; Frederick, November 3,1907. Both born in Winterset, Iowa.

Elizabeth Clark married William Flindt, Jr., July 5, 1922. He was born in Spencer, Iowa, the son of William and Emma Brundun Flindt. Occupation, clothier. Home, Spencer, Iowa. Children, Gretchen, September 14, 1930; Mary, March 5, 1934—March 5, 1934. Born in Spencer, Iowa.

Frederick Clark married Oleta Blundell December 23, 1934.

Claude Clark married Mary Eggleston. She was born July 31, 1883, the daughter of Joshua and Tabitha Riegle Eggleston, Home Winterset, Iowa, Occupiation, farmer. Children: Paul, July 5, 1905; Leroy, March 21, 1907; Loraine, May 31, 1914. All born in Madison County, Iowa.

Paul Clark married Naomi Howell. The daughter of Charles and Lulu Carson Howell. Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Children, born in Madison County, Iowa: Lavisa, Carol, John, Ronald.

Leroy Clark married Pauline Sumpter. The daughter of Will and Lena Sumpter. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Children: Leroy Charles, Robert Wayne, January 3, 1934. Both born in Madison County, Iowa.

Loraine Clark married Wilbur Brooker, May 1, 1933. The son of Nelson and Blanche Addy Brooker.

Thomas Audley Clark married Ada Duff December 25, 1900. She was born February 10, 1876, in Madison County, Iowa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Duff.

He worked for the Winterset Monument works for a number of years. He now owns a monument shop in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Children: Lloyd, January 20, 1902; Floyd January 20, 1902—February 11, 1902; Bernice, October 2, 1914.

Lloyd Clark married Dorothy Taylor in 1922. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, April 20, 1906, the daughter of Vern and Maggie Andrews Taylor. Deceased August 19, 1926.

Children: Constance, February 1, 1923; Coleen, December 23, 1925. Both born in Winterset, Iowa

Lloyd Clark married Viola Stagg. She was born July 4, 1904, Deceased January 2, 1929.

Lloyd Clark married Marie Anderson of Iowa Falls, Iowa, February 6, 1930.

Associated in the monument business with his father at Iowa Falls.

Walter Clark married Berteen Snyder. She was the daughter of Andrew and Rachel Blair Snyder.

Occupation, foreman of The Winterset Madisonian, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Lueille, July 4, 1906; Marjorie, October 1, 1907; Walter Edward, October 11, 1913; Marabelle, February 12, 1922.

Lucille Clark married Dale Hanson. December 24, 1925. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Oecupation, rural mail carrier. Children (adopted): Janice Vec, May 11, 1933; Sharon Jo, January 27, 1937.

Marjorie Clark married Victor Mantz, February 26, 1927, Home, Strawberry Point, Iowa. Occupation, newspaper man. Children: James Clark, July 27, 1931.

Walter Edward Clark married Margaret Wilkinson, September 21, 1934. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Molly Criddling Wilkinson. Occupation, linetype operator for the Win-

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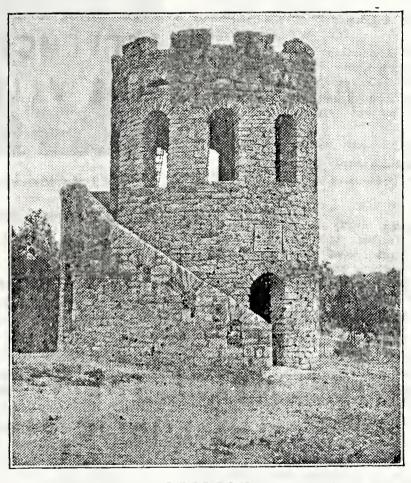
Ruth Ellen Clark married Grover I. Jordan, June 8, 1910. He was born April 15, 1885 in Fisher, Illinois, the son of Francis Maricn and Mary Reed Jordan. Occupation, insurance. Home, Des Moines, Iowa.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Phyllis Maxine, April 27, 1911; Mary Harriet, August 29, 1912; Marion Clark, May 8, 1920. Harriet Jordan married Edward Robinson, Children: G. J., September 25, 1933. Born in Mason City, Iowa.

Charles Clark married Audre Eldridge, daughter of William and Julia Dowler Eldridge, June 3, 1914. She was born February 20, in Madison County, Iowa.

Occupation, salesman. Home, Des Moines Iowa.

Children, born in Des Moines, Iowa: Julia Ann, July 7, 1916; Ruth, May, 1920.



THE CLARK MEMORIAL TOWER

The Clark Memorial Tower in the south part of the Winterset City Park was built by the descendants of Caleb and Ruth Clark. It was started in March, 1926. The stone was quarried within about two hundred feet of the site of the tower, the labor being donated by several of the men of the Clark families. The work was in charge of a building committee composed of Delbert Clark, Sam Rogers, Henry Wilkinson and Everett Clark as president.

Most of the mason work was done by Joel Clark, then the only living son of the pioneers.

The stone used in the beautiful stair-

way was cut by Joshua Clark, another son, whose death occurred in May, 1915, and represents the last stone work done by him prior to his death. The project was financed by the Clark descendants both in labor and money.

The monument is approximately twelve feet in diameter, and twenty-five feet high. It is situated on one of the highest hills in the park.

It was dedicated August 8, 1926, at the third annual family reunion. Earl Clark, grandson of Caleb and Ruth Clark, gave the dedication address, and Judge W. S. Cooper responded for the park board.





MILES DENMAN CLARK

May 8, 1852 — December 17, 1920 Born in Madison County, Iowa

Miles Denman Clark, son of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, married Phoebe Ballard, November 3, 1870. She was born in Ohio, July 2, 1853. Deceased January 6, 1923. They lived in Winterset, Iowa, until 1904, when they moved to Mitchell, South Dakota. He followed the trade of contractor and builder and brick mason. He with his brothers, Joel and Joshua, had the contract for the building of the South Ward School building in 1895.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Nora, August 12, 1871; Benjamin B., April 26, 1873; Lee, February 16, 1876—January 6, 1908; Albert R., August 11,1880—October 9, 1881.

Nora Clark married Harry Clearwater May 5, 1891. He was born in Dexter, Iowa, April 25, 1868. Deceased November 4, 1913. They lived in Winterset until 1903, when they moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, and to Portland, Oregon, July 19, 1908.

Children: Dale C., February 20, 1893; Leta M., August 16, 1895; Bethlee L., July 27, 1899; John Ross, August 16, 1901. All born in Winterset, Iowa. Denny Miles, May 10, 1910. Born In Portland, Oregon. Nora Clearwater married Jerry P. Cronin, July 12, 1923.

Dale C. Clearwater married Ora Clark, April 3, 1917. She was born in Kansas, in 1894. Occupation, electrician and real estate salesman. Home, California.

Children, born in Portland, Oregon: Clark, April 7, 1918; Harry, July 4, 1920.

Leta M. Clearwater married Daniel Haley, July 5, 1916. He was born in Ohio in 1888. Occupation, foreman in a manufacturing plant in Portland.

Children: Jack, May 30, 1918. Born in Portland, Oregon.

Bethlee L. Clearwater married Max Becker, April 15, 1920.

Bethlee married Jerry A. Flood, December 8, 1930. He was born in California. Home, San Francisco, California.

John R Clearwater married Leveta Holman, January, 1921. She was born in Oregon.

Children: Jean, May 12, 1927.

John married Elenore Litchard June 11, 1931. She was born in Sault Marie, Michigan in 1902.

Benjamin B. Clark married Cynthia Oliva Mills, April 18, 1900. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, March 4, 1879, the daughter of Ephriam and Martha Ann Cox Mills. Occupation, brick layer and farmer. They moved from Winterset, Iowa, to Mitchell, South Dakota in 1904 and to Talent, Oregon in 1934.

Children: Grace, April 27, 1902, born in Winterset, Iowa; Hazel Audrey, Mareh 2, 1904, born in Greenfield, Iowa; Raymond M., Mareh 14, 1906; Ruth, August 20, 1908—March 5, 1911; Allen Miles, September 20, 1910; Delbert Ephriam, February 20, 1914; George Elra, August 9, 1916; Phoebe Ella, November 27, 1920.

Graee Clark married Jay Long, June 1, 1926. He was born in Bradley, South Dakota, July 5, 1905, the son of Alvin and Susan Fitzgerald Long. Home, Ennsing, South Dakota.

Children, born at Kadoka, South Dakota: Benjiman Jay, July 4, 1930; Evelyn Grace, March 26, 1934.

Hazel Clark married Glenn G, Brown, December 24, 1925. He was born July 5, 1898 in Durmont, Entler County, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustad Glenn Brown. Home, Talent, Oregon.

Children: Donald Glenn, December 23, 1926. Born In Kadoka, South Dakota; Ollie Mny, March 12, 1928; Mlles Robert, September 21, 1929; Leona Grace, November 25, 1931; Byron Clark, October 8, 1934. Four



born in Philip, South Dakota.

Raymond Mitchell Clark married Effie Bertha Mann, April 18, 1928. She was born at Doon, Lyon County, Iowa, November 10, 1908, the daughter of Will and Olga Iverson Mann. Home, Talent, Oregon.

Children: Raymond Lee, May 14, 1929; Born in Kadoka, South Dakota; Benjiman Roger, June 20, 1931. Born in Interior, Jackson County, South Dakota. Wilbur Elroy, October 21, 1933. Born in Kadoka, South Dakota.

Delbert Ephriam Clark married Esther Lawrence, June 1, 1932. She was born July 28, 1917, in Oakton, South Dakota, the daughter of Louis and Minnie Pearl Strain Lawrence. Home, Talent, Oregon. Occupation, automobile mechanic.

Children: Carol Lee, January 11, 1933. Born in New Underwood, South Dakota. Nora Pearl, October 18, 1934. Born in Blackfoot, Idaho. Bonnie B., August 5, 1936. Born in Talent, Oregon.

Phoebe Ella Clark married Lighton mc i November 28, 1936. Home, Talent, Oregon.

Lee Clark married Cora Taylor, September, 1896. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, November 6, 1894, the daughter of Levi and Louisa Starkey Taylor. Deceased December 3, 1898.

Children: Dell, November, 1898. Born in Winterset, Iowa.

Lee married Lenora Guye in 1901, the daughter of Riley and Alice Clearwater Guye.

Children: R. Guye, October, 1902; Will M., 1904.

Dell Clark married George Bolton. Home Pelham, New York. Occupation, advertising.

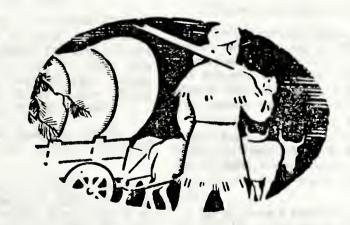
Children: Mary Phoebe, January, 1921; George, Jr., 1923.

R. Guye Clark married Margie Gray. Home, Ruth, Nevada.

Children: Madonna Lee; Denman.

Will M. Clark married Lois Schafroth, November 12, 1933. She was born in Lennox, Iowa, in 1907, the daughter of Max L. and Cora Dee Wood Schafroth. Home, Des Moines, Iowa. Occupation, dentist.

Children: Terry Lee, April 23, 1935. Born Des Moines, Iowa.







MARTHA ORLENA ROGERS

August 3, 1854 — October 2, 1935 Born in Madison County, Iowa

Martha O. Clark, daughter of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, married Elihu H. Rogers, April 14, 1872. Deceased March 9, 1913. He was born near Parkersburg, Virginia, April 13, 1844, the son of James and Margaret Sharp Rogers. Occupation, farmer and hunter, being well versed in nature lore. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: LeRoy, April 25, 1874; Albert Raymond, (Sam), November 19, 1876; Laura L., September 9, 1879—July 18, 1880; Eva Belle, June 2, 1881—May 3, 1919; Mable Louisa, October 27, 1883; Robert Ross, March 10, 1887; Ruth, March 19, 1892.

Martha Rogers married David B. (Harvey) Ballard, May 6, 1915. Deceased February 3, 1920.

M. LeRoy Rogers married Marche Drucilla Coakley, March 1, 1896. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, March 1, 1879. Deceased September 14, 1933. She was the daughter of James A and Bethena Moore Coakley. Occupation, farmer. Home, near Macksburg, Iowa.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Lela, December 9, 1896; Blanche, December 27, 1898; Marie, May 13, 1901; Elsle, June 24, 1903 - August 14, 1906; LeRoy, August 18, 1908; Wilma, January 3, 1911; Betty, May 22, 1915.

Roy married Mrs. Mary E. Burgan, August 5, 1936.

Lela Rogers married Clyde Adams. He was born in Winterset, Iowa, November 24, 1892, the son of Buel and Anna Smith Adams. Occupation, manager of the United Food Market at Creston, Iowa.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Carl, October 22, 1919; Doris Eileen, August 6, 1922; Shirley Drucilla, June 28, 1924.

Clyde served in Company A., 211th Engineers in the World War.

Blanche Rogers married Leonard Abrahams. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, the son of

Occupation, farmer. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children: Naomi Helene, June 4, 1924.

Marie Rogers married George Crawford. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, the son of Charles and Sadie Reed Crawford.

Home, on a farm near Earlham, Iowa.

Children, both born in Madison County, Iowa: Dorothy Darlene; and Charles Le-Roy.

A. LeRoy Rogers married Helen Ball of Paton, Iowa, in 1936, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Ball. Home, on a farm near Macksburg, Iowa.

Wilma Rogers married Robert Nauman the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nauman, December 9, 1934. Home, Des Moines, Iowa.

Betty Rogers married Dale Braman, November 25, 1936. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Braman of Lorimor, Iowa. Occupation, farmer. Home, near Lorimor, Iowa

Children: Son born in Winterset, in 1937.

Albert Raymond (Sam) Rogers married Jennie Moore, March 16, 1899. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, January 20, 1876, the daughter of Anderson and Mary Duncan Moore. Occupation, brick layer, stone mason and cement work. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Mary, June 29, 1901; Chester, October 2, 1903; Raymond, March 1, 1906; Hazel, August 28, 1909; Ruth, March 19, 1913; Robert, January 31, 1917; Helen Mae, January 22, 1920.

Mary Rogers married Lyle Smith, July 12, 1922. He is the son of George and Grace Silverthorne Smith. Home, on a farm in Lincoln township, Madison County, Iowa.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Betty Grace, May 15, 1923; Bernice Louise, August 8, 1924; Patricia J., June 7, 1930; Lyla Pauline, December 11, 1932.

Chester Rogers married Geneva Moore, March 17, 1930. She was born April 8, 1912 In Ringgold County, Iowa, the daughte:

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of Tom and Mary Moore. Occupation, brick layer, cement work, stone mason. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa: Jerry Lynn, December 2, 1931; Jo Anne, May 26, 1932—January 17, 1934; Nancy Ann, January 26, 1937.

Raymond Rogers married May Johnston, October 17, 1927. She was born April 3, 1904, daughter of Will and Bird Shreeves Johnston. Occupation, brick layer, stone mason and cement work.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa: Genevieve, October 16, 1928; Leo, March 16, 1930; Ralph Raymond, June 28, 1931.

Hazel Rogers married Lyle H. Smith, August 27, 1928. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, the son of Lon and Jennie Webster Smith. Home, farm south of Macksburg, Iowa.

Children: Dwight, May 26, 1932.

Eva Belle Rogers married Frank A. Likens, June 15, 1900. He was born in

Deceased October 29, 1907.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa; Mildred, March 27; Lyle March 18; Ernest, May 3.

Eva Belle Likens married Bert McKinney, July 3, 1910.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa: Roger; Eva.

Eva Belle McKinney died May 3, 1919.

Roger and Eva McKinney were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. George Bruns and now live at Yelm, Washington. Possibly Took the name Bruns.

Mildred Likens married Lee Banks. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, the son of Marion and Linnie Banks. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa: Joe Francis, April 14, 1923; Murray Lee, December 13, 1924.

Lyle Likens married Ollie Tilly. Home, Ozark, Arkansas. Children, born in Arkansas: Hugh; Lloyd; Ray.

Ernest Likens married Monnie Thomas. Home, California.

Roger Bruns married

Home, Yelm, Washington.

Mable Louisa Rogers married Joe J. Smith, March 26, 1900. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, August 7, 1874, the son of Levi and Sarah James Smith. Deceased February 23, 1936. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, born in Madison County, Iowa: Pansy Pearl, deceased at 14 months; Clare (Eill), August 4, 1905; Levi (Bud), July 6, 1910.

Clare Smith married Frances Anderson.

Children: Gene Robert, January 6, 1934. Robert Ross Rogers married Agnes Harp March 12, 1912. She was born in Leon, Iowa, November 21, 1895, the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harp. Deceased November 24, 1918.

Occupation, electrician and contractor, working as stone mason and cement work. Home, Winterset, Iowa.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa, Mable, September 25, 1913; Junetta Agnes, July 8, 1915; Dawn, February 13, 1917.

Ross married Anna Simmons in August 1921. She was born in England, the daughter of George and Jane Moon Simmons.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa, Kathleen Mary, May 22, 1922.

Mable Rogers married Warner Forbes, February 15, 1933. Home, Winterset, Iowa. He works for the United Food Store.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa, Robert, April 7, 1934; James, 1936.

Junetta Rogers married Gordon Wilson, September, 1934. Home, on a farm in Madison County, Iowa.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa, Lois, Ann, November, 1935.

Ruth Rogers married Cloyde Baker.

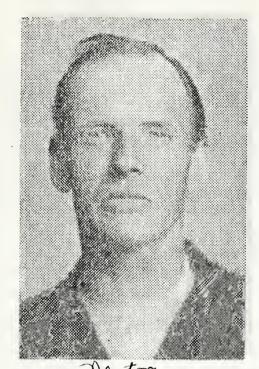
Children, born in Winterset, Iowa, Pauline, later took the name of Christenson.

Ruth married Charles Christensen May 10, 1910. He was born in Denmark, August 14, 1877, the son of Hans and Cristina Paulson Christensen. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Occupation, plumber.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa, Margaret, November 16, 1912.

Pauline Christensen married Dean Kuntz. He was born in Madlson County, Iowa, the son of Charles and Myrtle Ford Kuntz. Occupation, farmer in Madison County, Iowa. Children, born in Winterset, Iowa, Margaret Lou; Mary Joan, June 7, 1930.

Margaret Christensen married Wayne Newton, May 28, 1935. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, the son of Glenn and Mira Harrell Newton. _____



JOEL NATHAN CLARK

November 11, 1857 — July 28, 1927

Born in Madison County, Iowa

Joel Nathan Clark, son of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, was born in the old stone house in Winterset, Iowa, November 11, 1856. He was married to Sylvia Darnell September 28,1880. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, July 18, 1862, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Leinard Darnell. Deceased February 16, 1906. Home, Winterset, Iowa. Occupation, builder and contractor. Owner of Winterset Monument works. He took a leading part with his son Delbert in the designing and building of the Clark tower in the Winterset City Park.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa: Opal, November 25, 1881; Delbert Lloyd, June 23, 1883; Goldie May, March 21, 1885.

Married Flora Allen Brooks June 9, 1922. She was born December 28, 1881.

Opal Clark was married to Glenn Elderkin, January 8, 1908. He was born in Winterset, Iowa, December 17, 1883, the son of Frank and Emma Garretson Elderkin. They established their home on a farm in Madison County, Iowa, and are now living on the farm in the bend of Middle River, south of Pammel State Park.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Florence, December 28, 1908; Dawn, March 4, 1912; Frank Joel, August 1, 1915; Marguerite, April 5, 1917; John, March 17, 1919; Mary, November 29, 1920.

Delbert L. Clark was married to Ruth Ann Chapman, March 1, 1904, the daughter of Rev. R. L. and Susan Chapman. She was born in Webster County, Iowa, March 2, 1886. Deceased November 10, 1918. Home, Winterset, Iowa, where he was connected with the Monument works.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Editha, September 30, 1908—September 30, 1908; Graee, May 24, 1910; Gladys, February 21, 1913; Beulah, April 20, 1917.

Delbert L. Clark was married to Jessie Jackson December 28, 1920.

Children, all born in Winterset, Iowa: Carl, November 14, 1924; Merle Hugh, September 18, 1923—April 19, 1924; Harold, May 20, 1927.

Graee Clark was married to Charles A. Mills, Jr., July 17, 1932. He was born in Winterset, Iowa, September 5, 1912, the son of Charles A. and Lora Brinson Mills. Home, Winterset, Iowa, where he is connected with the Mills Motor Company.

Children, born in Winterset, Iowa: Ruth Ann, February 23, 1935; Charles Philip, September 27, 1936.

Gladys Clark was married to Hugh Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Steele of Maloy, Iowa. He is the principal of the South Ward School, in Winterset, Iowa.

Beulah Clark married Hubert Munger, October 3, 1936. Home, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Goldie Clark was married to Will C. Johnson, June 26, 1907. He was born in Polk County, Iowa, September 6, 1882, the son of John Charles Freemont and Nan Earlywine Johnson. They established their home in Winterset, Iowa, where he was connected with Cline & Johnson Groeery. He later moved to a farm and in 1921 became connected with the Winterset Monument Works.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Don Will, June 11, 1908—May 31, 1910; Edwin Freemont, February 28, 1911—September 29, 1911; Mont Clark, September 29, 1912; Dwight Wayne, March 22, 1916; Clarence Eugene, April 17, 1922.

History of Winterset Monument Works

The Winterset Monument works was organized in 1878 by Lot Wilson and his brother. Joel N. Clark bought in with Wilson about 1895. It was operated under the firm name of Wilson & Clark. Some time later Joel bought Wilson's share. He operated the shop until about 1908, when his son Delbert, went in with hlm. They operated it under the firm name of Clark & Son. In 1921, Joel retired from the business and Will C. Johnson, his son-in-law, went in

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CALEB FRANKLIN CLARK

March 8, 1849 — December 24, 1924

Born in Madison County, Iowa

Caleb Franklin Clark, the youngest son of Caleb and Ruth Clanton Clark, was born in the old stone house in Winterset, Iowa, March 8, 1859. He was married to Mary Bayer, October 27, 1885. She was born in Sterling, Illinois, July 4, 1867, the daughter of Jacob and Emmeline Schuler Bayer. They established their home in the old stone house with his parents, caring for them until their death. In 1901 they moved to their farm in the bend of Middle River south of what is now Pammel State Park, but at that time was called 'Devil's Backbone'.

Children, all born in the old stone house in Winterset, Iowa: Ada May, January 17, 1888; Earl Bayer, March 8, 1891; Lois Emmeline, October 25, 1895. They followed the occupation of farming until ill health necessitated their moving to Winterset.

Ada May Clark married James Francis Hoots, December 29, 1909. He was born in Coles County, Illinois, August 3, 1886. He moved to Madison County, Iowa, with his parents, Edwin and Samantha Ann Dailey Hoots in 1900.

They established their home on a farm in Douglas township, Madlson County, Iowa. Ill health caused them to give up farming-however, and "Frank" deceased August 16, 1913.

Earl Bayer Clark married Eva Lucile Kirby, daughter of Joe and Dolly Lucas Kirby, January 1, 1913. She was born in Winterset, Iowa, December 25, 1894. Occupation, preacher of the Church of Christ.

Children: Raymond Klrby, February 16, 1915, born in Winterset, Iowa; John Franklin, May 5, 1919, born in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Raymond Kirby Clark married Leona May Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller, June 8, 1936. She was born in Harlan, Iowa, June, 1915. Occupation, high school coach. Home, Cumberland, Iowa.

Children, born in Harlan, Iowa; Larry Alden, June 8, 1937.

Lois Emmeline Clark was married to Lannie Russel Hircock, son of William F. and Mary Brinson Hircock, February 16, 1916. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, April 27, 1894. Home on a farm about four miles southwest of Winterset. He served in Company E., 63rd Coast Artillery, during the World war.

Children, all born in Madison County, Iowa: Carl Leroy, February 4, 1919; Erwin Russel, October 3, 1921—October 3, 1921; Esther Mae, April 10, 1925; Roger Norman, October 5, 1926.

History of Winterset Monument Works

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with Delbert, and it was operated under the firm name of Clark & Johnson. At the death of Delbert, in 1930, Will C. Johnson took over the business. It now operates under the firm name of the Winterset Monument Works.

This was the first shop started west of the Mississippi river that finished monuments from the rough granite just as it is shipped from the quarries.

This short history of the Monument Works was written because the Clarks have been connected with it for so many years. The Clarks who have worked in the shop at one time or another, beside Joel and son, Delbert, and son-in-law, Will C. Johnson, were C. Franklin Clark, a brother of Joel, Frank J. Alvin, Clarence, Ben, Lee, Claude, Audley Clark and Nelson Gordon, nephews, Lleyd Clark, son of Audley, Mont and Dwight Johnson, grandsons, Goldie, a daughter, and Crace, a granddaughter, also worked in the office.

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CHILDHOOD DAYS

-By Elizabeth Smith

I, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, came to Iowa in 1846. We started from Buchanan county, Missouri on the first day of April, 1846. We had no roads, and had to go by a waybill. We drove two yoke of oxen. Their names were Dick and Dime. Berry and Bright. We had a mare which found a little colt on the road. The Indians had burnt off the prairies and the stubbles made the colt's feet so sore, we had to lay over for three days. We drove the cattle and sheep with the mare.

Grandma Clanton had a horse team, the only one in the crowd. We landed here the third day of May. My three uncles and their families came with us and two young men named McRay and Lee.

Our first place was northeast of Hanley upon Clanton Brakes, Father built a cabin but we lived down on Clanton bottom in a little leanto shanty. One side was open and we hung quilts upon the other side.

While we were there, one of my sisters Charlotte, heard a noise, called Father, and told him there was a panther on the house. He went out, stirred up the fire and it gave a panther yell. He said she was right, it had been on the house.

Then he went to work on the cabin. He cut down trees, split logs and hewed them out with his axe. He didn't have any nails so he had to use wooden pins and hickory bark.

While we were there, we saw our first Indians. There were about 500 of them. They were going West. One Indian came to our house. He was very nice. He wanted something to eat. Mother didn't have much but gave him some cornbread and biscuit. He put the biscuit in the front of his hunting shirt and said, "Me takee home papoose and squaw". He ate the cornbread.

The most that we saw were panthers, welves, and rattlesnakes. We left that place and moved to St. Charles.

We stayed there four years. While we lived in St. Charles, the girls, Louisa Jane and Charlotte, went to the spring a short distance from the house, to get water. Charlotte carried a pail of water on her head. Louisa Jane had been sick so she was carrying a little tin pail. On the way back, they looked behind and saw a panther, right near them. They started to run. Charlotte dropped her pail. The panther was near enough for the water to splash it. They screamed. The dogs ran out and the panther turned and ran off.

While we lived there, the Indians camped on the river bottom in a sugar camp.

They came and wanted to trade Father some calico for one of our dogs and he traded. One of the dogs had been killing our sheep. We brought the sheep with us, and didn't have any to spare. They wanted the dog to fatten and kill. While the Indians camped there, a little baby died. They took a hollow tree, sawed it out and put ends in it. They put the baby in it and tied it up in the tcp of a tree with hickory bark. They put a little tin pail with it. The bark soon rotted. It fell down and the pail fell out. The folks wouldn't let us touch it. The high water came and washed it away.

Then we moved to North River over near where the Abiaham's school house now stands. We lived there a few years, and then moved to Winterset into the stone house in the southwest part of town. The house had no roof on it when we got there Father put up some boards, slaunch ways, and we made our beds on the ground. The next morning when we awakened there was a big snow on the ground. That was the first of October, 1855. Then Father built the fireplace, put the roof on and laid the floor

Our first acquaintances were the Aquilla Smith family. In the year 1864. December 22, I changed my name from Clark to Smith. We were married at my home. The minlster's name was Kester. He was a Baptist preacher. We went to Father Smith's home and lived there about two months. Then we moved in the old log house and stayed there until Father Smith died.

On the way from Missouri to Madison county, Louisa Jane rode the horse and Sarah Ellen walked and drove the cattle. Mother rode in the wagon and Father walked and drove the oxen. We came in a prairie schooner.

Read at Reunion in 1931.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS -By N. D. Gordon, Jr.

The first Christmas he could remember was the year the children and grandchildren bought a new cook stove for Grandpa and Grandma Clark. They took out the old one in the night. The next morning Grandpa built the fire and never noticed it was new. Grandma was the first to see it. She said, 'Well, well'. Grandpa was out of humor about it when he found out. He said, "They could just take it out".

Grandpa always saw to it that the little children should eat first when he was around.

"Lum" Miller's father, William Miller, and the carpenter work on the old stone house. The lumber was hauled from Keokuk. Read at Reunion in 1934.

RUFUS CLARK

-By Dolly McCauley Brommel.

Rufus Clark was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, February 17, 1845. He came to Madison county in 1846. Where his father, Caleb Clark took a claim on what is now known as Steele's Branch, where G. S. Haynes, now lives. His early life was spent on the farm in townships near Winterset. He and his eight brothers and sisters endured many hardships. There was little leisure time for even the younger members of the family, as there was much work to be done and all must help. It was very interesting to hear him tell how Des Moines was all timber and grass, and of the building of Des Moines, with its beautiful homes and large buildings. Winterset was also wilderness. He loved to tell how Winterset grew from its first log cabins to its present buildings. When he grew to manhood he was a stone mason with his father, for several years, and afterwards, he was occupied in farming. Later he returned to his old trade which he followed the rest of his life.

He was married to Susan Templeman September 3, 1871, and to this union were born eight children. Three of the family are still remaining, Frank and Alvin Clark of Winterset, and Bessie McCauley of St. Mary's.

His wife died March 11, 1913, and he was married to Mrs. Louisa Taylor, August 23, 1916, who still survives him.

The Bible wasn't an unknown fact in the Clark home, as it is in many home today. The family was compelled to listen to the scriptures. Rufus himself had read the Bible from cover to cover many times. One night as I was studying my Physical Geography lesson for the following day, I mentioned we were studying the earth and its shape. Grandpa almost became radical. He always believed the earth to be square and gave as his proof a scripture where God commanded four Disciples to stand on the four corners of the earth and how could they possibly do so unless the earth was square.

Rufus was a very strong Democrat and election day never passed with his attendance, and no doubt all votes were democratic.

He was honest in all his dealings, and never believed in owing any man. Swearing was never heard in the home, his favorite by-word being shucks.

He departed this life April 16, 1926, at the age of 81 years. He was stricken with paralysis and was an invalid until his death two years later.

All who knew him carry memories of hls virtues and loving kindness to everyone he knew.

Roswell, New Mexico, February 17, 1923

Mrs. Ruth Jordan. Winterset, Iowa,

Dear Niece:-

I received your letter you had written to Ed. at Elida, and he forwarded same to me, and I will try to comply with your request, although I am afraid it won't be of much interest, as I am not very good at remembering dates so long ago.

Caleb and Ruth Clark, my father and mother, moved from Missouri to Iowa in the spring of 1846, before I was born and settled in Madison county, near where St. Charles now stands.

My mother's two brothers and their families came with them, Uncles Charlie and Joel Clanton, and they were the first families in the county.

I was born January 9th, 1847, in a log hut about one mile north of the present site of St, Charles, and was the first white child born in Madison county. I think Mr. Barnes now owns the place where I was born, just north of St. Charles, or he did own it the last I knew about it.

We had plenty of hardships when I was a child, but we also had our pleasures.

There were plenty of Indians, but they were not hostile. I remember one day a neighbor boy eame running and said there were five hundred Indians coming. Father was not at home, so mother took us ehildren and went to a neighbor's. They were friendly Indians, but we children were afraid of them. It was a great sight to see 500 Indians pass by all in single file.

When I was about five years old, father sold the place near St. Charles and moved to a place on North river, about five or six miles north of where Winterset now stands. There I went to my first school; then we moved to Winterset when I was eight years old, where I got most of my schooling.

Father was a stone mason and helped to build the Madison county Court House. I grew to womanhood in Winterset and was married to Andrew Tusha, March 11, 1865, and we are still enjoying life together. I am 77 years old, and my husband was 86 last October, and in fair health for our age.

My father and mother lived in Winterset about 40 years, where they both died at a ripe old age.

We now live in New Mexico, also our two living children, our son R. E. Tusha, at Elida, and daughter Mrs. Ed. Allen, at Roswell, two of our children having died in Madison county, Iowa.

We have been in New Mexico for over seventeen years, but my heart still goes back to dear old Madison county, and old friends, brothers and sisters, who are still living there.

> Mary A. Tusha, Roswell, New Mexico



LOOKING BACK

By Ruth Clark Jordan

Within the past few days, your president, brother Claude, wrote me asking that I contribute something on the Clark generation. I hardly know just what he had in mind, but perhaps by reminescing a bit, I may be able to call to mind some interesting things that father, Joshua Clark, and others have told me about our family.

Visualize with me if you will, a family in New York state, of some seven or eight children. The father, a Primitive Baptist minister, or an elder, I believe they are called, and a highly educated mother of noble French ancestry, a graduate of two colleges. Think of the training in mind and body this family was privileged to have. Is it any wonder that the Clark family of that generation and later were among those that helped pave the way to a new life in a new world, at a time when brain, as well as brawn, were required. In that family were twin boys, named Caleb and Joshua, born in 1808. The family grew up, each going their way to carve out their individual destinies. Grandfather (Caleb) Clark came west. He and grandmother, who was Ruth Clanton, were married at Quincy, Illinois. Grandmother was a native of Indiana. Grandfather was a stone mason and some of the buildings he erected in Quincy are still in use. I understand that Uncle Joel visited there a few years ago, and saw them.

From Quincy the family moved to Misscuri, near St. Joe. Early in the year of 1846 with three of grandmother's brothers and their families, they started for Iowa. Great Grandmother Clark, who lived in Missouri, wanted to accompany the party on their quest for a new home, but grandfather thought the trip would be too hard for one of her advanced age, and promised to return for her just as soon as they were located and a house built. Her wishes were never realized, for before they could return for her, she died at the age of ninety-four years.

After many weeks of tiresome travel, breaking the trail as they came, they reached what proved to be their permanent home, Madison county. They perhaps had no destination in inlnd when leaving Missourl, only seeking a place that looked promising for a new home. They arrived here early in May of 1846, weary and worn, making camp by the side of a stream, which later became known as Clanton creek, named for one of grandmother's brothers. They selected a homeslead near Sl. Charles In South township. A log house was creeled, where Aunt Mary Tusha, first white child born In Madison county, my father, and other members of the famlly were born. It was while

living there that Aunt Charlotte Gordon told of the family hearing a peculiar noise in their home and upon investigation, found snakes in the house, which had an earthen floor. After a few years north of St. Charles, grandfather Clark homesteaded northwest of Winterset, on what was later the Evans farm. It was while living there that Grandmother, alone with her children, heard a band of Indians coming. She was terribly frightened, as there were no neighbors near, or telephones at that time, to call for help. The Indians, some 500 in number, proved to be not hostile, but friendly, and passed on by. On this particular occasion grandfather had taken grain to mill, which required an absence of three days.

I must mention another hair-raising experience of this pioneer family. Two of the girls were sent to the spring, located at the foot of quite a hill, for water, while returning they were almost overtaken by a panther.

The family later moved to Winterset. A residence of stone was erected in southwest Winterset, which was their home until their final passing at ripe old age. Father said the lumber used in this home was hauled from Keokuk, and the first winter was occupied with only part of the roof on, and many times the family awoke to find their beds covered with snow.

May I presume just a moment to tell of a few of the interesting things that were interwoven in my childhood days, things that made my grandparents and their home my ideals. We children, Opal Elderkin, Goldie Johnson, and others, used to sit by the hour listening to our grandparents tell, not fairy stories, but Indian stories and interesting experiences of their lives. Perhaps our grandparents never believed in fairy stories. I know none were allowed in our home, as father considered them pure and simple lies, and not fit for children to listen to. I still remember my early training and am in hearty sympathy with it. But back to my subject. There were magnificent large trees which afforded plenty of room for swings, climbing, etc. A large berry patch, a wild plum thicket, always loaded with delicious fruit, as only wild fruit can taste, and last, but not least, some pound sweet apple trees. I can still almost taste this luscious fruit.

Another thing that grandmother's home excelled in was salt-rising bread. Personally, this didn't go over so big with me, but not so with my brothers. Mother used to tell how humiliated they would make her, for just as soon as she arrived all grandmother's home they would lip-toe over to her and ask for some, no doubt generously spread with home made butter and spread.

I remember going to a family picule,



when quite a small girl, near the old backbone. We rode in a lumber wagon. There was one spring seat, the others sat on boards. I can still remember those springless boards, and if you never experienced a treat of this kind, over terribly rutty roads, you have missed something. Then to add a thrill, Grandfather Clark gave an Indian call to help locate the rest of the party, which was to meet in the old Smith sugar camp. That was also a drought year, for when we crossed Middle river it was stone dry. The younger descendants of the Clark family, who were not privileged to know personally the pioneer grandparents, have missed much of that which really makes life worth while. I often think of a tribute that Atty. J. P. Steele paid to Grandfather Clark and his family, and hope no one will think I am repeating it boas fully. I was in his office one day collecting for the Madisonian, when he remarked that he had known the Clark family many, many years, and had never known one of them to break an obligation, or be dishonest, and if there were more people like them this would be a different world.

With this bit of verse, I must close:

With a sigh for the unknown land fevering his brain,

With a pulse as strong as the engine-beat on the rail:

With muscles like blue steel hewn for a ship on the main,

He crossed the Divide, he mastered the wild trail.

Ruth Clark Jordan. Read at the Clark Icunion August, 1934.

EARLY MEMORIES OF AUNT CHARLOTTIE, UNCLE RUFUS, AUNT LIB, AND AUNT MARTHA

Written by Opal Elderkin, 1933.

When grandpa and grandma, with their family came to Madison county, the first of May 1846, from near St. Joe, Missouri, there were no "Saints" highways, just endless prairie with timber along the rivers and on the hills. Their party included grandma's mother, Rachel Clanton, with her great Virginia covered wagon, containing all her belongings, drawn by a team of horses driven by a young man either Rueben Lee or Charlie McRay. Grandma's brothers, Isaac, Joel, and Charlie Clanton, and their families, each with his own covered wagon drawn by oxen.

Grandpa and grandma, with Aunt Louisa Janc, aged ten, Aunt Charlotte, aged eight, Aunt Sarah Ellen, aged six, Aunt Llb, just a little girl and baby Rufus, one year old in their wagon, with two yoke of oxen. When they were compelled to cross mud holes for which our roads were then noted, grandpa hi ched his oxen on and helped pull the others out of the mud. Each party drove a herd of sheep and other domestic animals. Grandpa had a mare with perhaps another horse, a few cows and two dogs, Ring and Watch, who were not always amiable toward each other

As each party was compelled to care for its own belongings, they did not always make camp together, so at the end of their month's journey, grandpa with grandma Clanton's outfit, made camp near what is now Patterson. We will imagine them tired but hopeful, driving into camp near the river, with no fences to shut out beautiful camp grounds.

We perhaps have all seen the big Virginia wagon with its ladder and immense box, which contained provisions to last for some months.

Grandpa was rather slight, grandma was plump and at least two of the children were tow heads. Of course they were attired in the style of 1846. Grandma's bed was in the wagen. The children slept under it. The farmers will realize the care with which the sheep and other animals were guarded to protect them from wild animals. Aunt Charlotte slept that night in a tent with Grandma Clanton.

They then moved on with the other wagens, to Steele Branch, northwest of Hanley, where grandpa made a shanty in the hillside from branches and limbs. Perhaps it was in this shanty that grandpa awoke to find a snake in his bed.

As grandma did not like the location, they moved in September to young McRay's claim, nearer Grandma Clanton's, for which claim grandpa traded a horse. McRay, returning to Missouri,

They had a large hickory grove near the cabin, and grandpa built a big fireplace, so much for warmth. In a tree, not far from the cabin a little papoose was hung in a hollowed log by hickory strips. Later on these strips rotted, letting the body fall into a stream below, and it floated down the river. The children were interested in a little pail, which probably held the little Indians' toys, but grandma would not let them molest it, so perhaps it went on to "the happy hunting grounds" with little papoose.

The first Indian they saw rode a white pony. He said he was a Pottawattamie and that the dead baby in the tree was his little brother. He said there was four hundred Pottawattamics in his party on their way to Kansas, but these did not pass the cabin.

Toward evening Aunt Louisa Jane and Aunt Charlotte always carried water from a spring one-half mile from the house. One evening they "went a piece" with Grandma



Clanton, who had been over for a visit. They played until dusk, then hurried to the spring, as they were afraid of wolves. Aunt Charlotte was behind in the path with a wooden buoket full of water balanced on her head. Suddenly she realized that something was stealthily following her. Glancing about she at first thought it was one of their dogs, but upon closer observation it proved to be a panther. Aunt threw her pail of water back on the ground. This, with the dogs coming on the scene and the nearness of the cabin, saved her life.

That night as they sat by the fireplace, baby Rufus asked "La Lottie" as usual, to rock him to sleep in her little chair. As she rocked she talked excitedly to grandpa about the panther. Uncle Rufus seemed to be asleep, but drousily opened his eyes saying, "Did it have its eyes open?"

In November, grandpa went to Oskaloo. sa for provisions. Their supply of flour and coin meal were exhausted. They had some hominy, but only a small piece of ground was under cultivation for corn. There was no machinery then, with which to tend it.

Wild game was plentiful for meat, but they needed meal, sugar, etc. for winter, While grandpa was away, three Sioux Indians rode to the cabin. One dismounting, seemed to be asking for something. Grandma offered him food and such things as Indians like, but he grew angry and grandma was desperate when one of the girls saw, from the window, a man on a horse. Grandma rushed to the window calling to the stranger for help. With the aid of his gun and threats to bring soldiers, the Indians were persuaded to depart. Grandma said the stranger was a "Gcdsend," but they were afraid all that night. Grandpa brought his meal home in a large pine box. The box decidedly mixed with the meal, giving the meal an unpleasant flavor of pine.

Since our pioneers had so little communication with the outside world, they naturally had a great interest in strangers coming their way. The Mormans were seen quite often on their way to and from Pisgah, their religious center. They were shunned and despised for their religious beliefs. Aunt Charlotte relates an incident of a sick Morman passing their cabin and grandpa's hospitality. Grandpa said "you are a sick man stranger and must remain with us until you are better." The stranger made it known that he was a Morman and would not be wanted, but grandpa heaped on the hickory logs and nursed the Morman back to health.

In '47 the "Californians", as they were called, began pouring through the country, on their way to the California gold fields. The children would hurry through their chores, comb their hair, to climb on the fence

and wait for the men who passed about cleven a m., coming from a fort up the line. Aunt Charlotte composed a song about "California You're Our Brothers." So they gave their entertainment, and In return were much petted by the gold seekers who had left their own families behind. Aunt also remarked that they had no churches here, but they worshiped God at cabin prayer meetings in "spirit and in truth."

In the spring of 1850, they moved to the Eivens farm, north of Winterset, where they lived three years, then on to the farm now owned by Abrahams, where they lived two years, then to the stone house in Winterset, which was not finished. They moved late in the fall and since the roof was not on the house, it was not luxurious. They stood some boards against the house and made their beds under these. The first night they were visited by a skiff of snow, but I am guessing that by the aid of grandma's strong right arm and wool from the sheep, they had some substantial bedding.

I forgot to tell the children about the family dogs. Ring fell into the very bad habit of killing sheep, so grandpa traded him to some Indians for enough green and black calico to make Aunt Charlotte a dress. Watch was bitten so much by rattle snakes, that he died.

Other incidents of interest are of how they sat by the fireplace singing songs, telling stories, roasting polatocs, etc. Little Rufus couldn't wait for his potato to cook always shouting "Dat tatie done? dat tatie done." How grandma, at the Abrahams place, took her babe with her and nuised the slek when the scarlet fever was raging. Night after night she rode her horse to the neighbors' some miles away, to care for the sick and dead. Night after night grandpa fulfilled the same mission, for disease then was an awful thing to reckon with.

At the age of 87 this is Aunt Charlotte's tribute to her parents: "When I think of my old father and mother, what hardships they had to endure, I sometimes think I see them in their years of toil and care. How hard they had to work for us, our living parents dear."

But they led full lives with lots of joy mixed in, never grew too old to enjoy friends and good times. So it is up to us to carry on.



MEMORIES By Opal Clark Elderkin, 1934

There's an old stone house,
A bunch of boys and glrls once shared,
"Pap" built the house
"Mother" for the inside cared.

Do you remember the smokehouse at the south end of what the family called the well-house? In the smoke house it was always dark and various articles were stored there. I remember colored bottles, bright blue amber, etc. There were great baskets of hickory chips under rafters where bacon and hams were hung at meat curing time. Here nuts were stored and you were welcome to help yourself. To me then best of all usually a mother cat with kittens turned up in some dark corner. Sometimes they were yellow with black stripes.

Let's come down a step into the well-house, get a drink from the old wooden pump. First pump a little water into the old wooden trough leading through an opening in the west wall to a milk box where Grandma kept crocks of milk and cream. I always imagine I smell flowering currents and see their little yellow blossoms and remember heavy grape vines over the sunshade. In the summer time, Grandma and I have Aunt Mary all mixed up in these memories too, had a little cook stove in a rather dark corner and an old walnut table, under a shelf, where they worked.

There was a boot-jack, I remember that boot-jack coming into play when Goldie, now Mrs. Johnson, slipped a boot over her slippe and such pulling and hauling.

There were other handy articles around a window with a deep window seat. Then in the dining room the lovely corner cupboard with its old fashioned china and Grandma's egg-basket, a little home-made tin pail, made with a tin can, with wire for a bail, containing sugar syrup. I can still taste Grandma's salt-rising bread and sugar syrup.

Then the ever fascinating deep window shelves where a big button-box, hand made with bands to hold it together was always to be found and such wonderful buttons.

If you rocked too far back in Grand-ma's big carpet-covered rocker, with a platform, over you went, chair and all.

Somehow in the big room called the middle room, I always remember a fresh looking rag carpet. There was an outside south door and I remember a story of how a neighbor lady called before the family had arisen one morning and described a carpet she had just made. They laughed and said she seamed every stripe in the carpet one a blue, one a red, one a white, one a blue and so on. The old bureau and little walnut table covered with Grandpa's

books. I remember Titus and other old books that he was fond of. Then the old fashioned beds. There were two other rooms. I recall how cold the northeast bed room was in the winter.

My father used to tell us how Aunt Louisa Jane, the oldest daughter, and his eister helped care for the family. How she had what was then known as walking typhoid fever. How one day she called him saying: "If you want to get a doctor for me, you had better do it now". He fairly flew, but she soon called the young folks to her, admonishing them to live right as she was leaving them. I think she must have been about forty years old and perhaps we here today cwe her a debt of loving remem brance.

Aunt Charlotte married before the younger children were born. Her children and their youthful uncles grew up together like cousins. You remember Aunt Charlotte with her fondness for literature and I hope her ideals in the literary field will reappear in some of her descendants.

Aunt Lib with her practical view of life, her happy way of living, her little home tucked away by the river, will remain in our memories a long time. Her philosophy of life, her honest dealings with her fellow men, her human interests in life will stay with us and be an incentive in our lives as we grow older. Her husband, Uncle Steve, used to tell us children stories and show us shadows on the wall, made with his hands.

Uncle Rufus especially appealed to me. His honesty, his view of life, were of the highest order. He was a man through and through. I remember when his little girl passed away, how the fever parched her little body. Then when his son passed away in his prime, then Rose, and now Lulu is gone. We all miss her here today We miss his daughter-in-law, Clara, here today. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her's, can almost hear her say, "How are you?"

I remember going to Aunt Sarah Ellen's in the country, when I was quite young. How lovely she cooked chicken, and dumplings, and how white her floor was. Then I remember, when she was ill in town, her patient. I always think of her as opening her home to others who were unfortunate in not having one.

I remember Uncle Denny with his family. How we spent enjoyable evenings in his home. He and his daughter played the banjo while the boys played the guitar and mandolin. Uncle Denny had a habit of building a hot coal fire then throwing the stove door wide open to cool it down and how he dld perspire in such operations. Aunt Phoebe, his wife, humored we children and I remember her mince pies. Uncle Denny



loved his family and stood by them in every way.

I remember uncle Joshua and Aunt Cynthia with their family. How neat they were, and if you tried to do a little kindness for them, it was always paid back fourfold. I think Uncle Joshua helped other families in time of stress. That was his way of helping the world.

I am indebted to the Tushas for their wide open hospitality. How many times they took me to their home. Uncle Andy always drove a spanking team. They upheld the best things in life. As they grew older, clung together and were a loving, true example to their children.

I know if my father, Joel, could, he would lighten all our burdens. He loved his family,

How many times I have heard my neighbors say, "I am not a Christian, but I believe in Frank Clark's Christianity". Can I say more? We loved his little humor. He used to dance a squaw dance and imitate the birds for our children. Today, we are indebted to his family for many happy little connections with the Clark reunion.

You know I always think of the lovely old song, "The Last Rose of Summer" in connection with Aunt Martha. All her lovely old companions are gone. We grieve with her for the loss of her beloved daughter-in-law, Marche, and our cousin. I am indebted to Aunt Martha and Uncle El for many ideas in nature study, for they were always fond of the out of doors, wild plants, etc. They too embodied the spirit of hospitality. I am sure we all extend to Aunt Martha our sympathy and love.

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Read at the 1934 reunion.

A CHILDHOOD MEMORY By Lois, Hircock

I believe I have the honor of being the youngest grandchild of Caleb and Ruth Clark.

Grandpa died just the year before I was born so I never had the pleasure of knowing him. I remember a little of Grandma, as I was five years old when she died. We lived with Grandma so I remember a few incidents that happened before she died.

She spent a great deal of time piecing quilts and as she could not see to thread the needles, I did it for her from the time I was four years old.

I remember one time when Grandma and I were alone, I hid her thimble and when she wanted it I said, "I know nothing of it." But of course she knew I did, and told me she would put me back in the old smoke-house If I didn't tell her. But as is often the way of children, I wouldn't tell, just to see if she really would do what she said. She took me to the door, but never put me inside and after I saw she really wasn't going to put me in there, I got the thimble for her. Then one day, when she was sick, (I think it was her last illness), she wanted me to sing the little song, "Babes In the Woods", that I sang so much for her. I sang it through, but she said she didn't hear it all and wanted me to sing it again. I sang it again and when I asked her if she heard it that time, she was asleep and I thought I had done something wonderful to sing Grandma to sleep.

That is all I remember of Grandma, but those memories will always stay with me.

Read at first Clark Reunion, June 1924.



A POEM

By Aunt Charlotte Gordon

Dear old autumn is passed and gone And we bid it adieu.

The ground is all brown and bare,

The trees have shed their coats of beautiful leaves.

And the cold and dreary winter is approaching

With a shroud like form filling the elements with icy features.

There's nothing beautiful in the appearance of winter.

Dark, lonely and sad;

But yet, the Merry Christmas will cheer us up,

For it reminds us of the birth of a Saviour.

But we will welcome the Happy New Year, And we expect to improve our time and learn much,

And walk in the path of knowledge and virtue.

We will pass the thoughts of winter from our presence.

By saying "Good-bye old dreary winter with your cold and howling winds,

We'll pass the lonesome time away until the spring begins."

We say no more of winter with its cold and freezing chill.

We'll pass it from our memory and say to you "Farewell".

THE PIONEER TRAIL

By Flossie Jane Shoemaker

The ways were hard in the early days
For they led into pathways new;
Through the dusky shades of the forest
glades

And where prairie grasses blew; By the quiet gleam of the sunlit stream Where the fragrant wild flowers grew.

There's a trail that winds from those early days

Down through the passing years; This trail was laid and its price was paid By these dauntless pioneers;

It took its toll of a strong man's soul And a woman's bitter tears.

The trail winds on past the Indian lodge Where the signal fires blazed bright

To the small cleared lot where the rude log hut

Marked the way with its candle light, Till the broad safe ways of the present days Loomed on the traveler's sight.

The treacherous redskin lurks no more
In the depths of the forest shade,
And the schoolhouse stands on the well-tilled lands

By the trail that our fathers made, But our thoughts turn back to that grass grown track

Where the prairie schooner swayed.

The ways were hard in the early days
For they led into pathways new,

Through the dusky shades of the forest glades

And where prairie grasses blew,
And the pioneers of those far-off years
Blazed a trail for me and you.
Written for the Clark Reunion
1936

Read by Lena Wilkinson Shoemaker



"TO GRANDMA CLARK"

By Opal Elderkin

Did you ever have a Grandma

Who sat from morn till night
In her arm chair by the window,
Sewing in the welcome light,

In dark dress and white kerchief With plain hair and colored comb, With perhaps a gingham apron, And a smile for everyone?

If you never had a Grandma
With a strong and loving heart.
Then you never had what we had,
You never had your part.

Our Grandma loved us all alike,
We knew her judgment fair,
Her words could always bear the light,
And she shared our every care.

Some folks chilled our childish glee, And their woes made us a slave, We could take a laugh to Giandma And we'd get one just as brave.

We vowed we'd just fool Grandma,
When the first of April came,
And we'd fixe a joke without a flaw
And hustle down the lane.

She would say, "Is that so",
And, "Dld you see that fox,
All the dogs were chasing him
As he went across our lots."

We would say, "Oh Grandma Scotts!
What color was the fox
And did he come our way
And what time was the day?"

And so she met us tit for tat,
She trained in nature's school,
And then our thoughts came stumbling back
With her loving "April fool".

And then on every Christmas morn We'd hurry through the drift The wind, though cold, we laughed to scorn To hear Grandma say "Christmas Gift". If you and I had faced the wild Had feared the savage bold Held to our hearts our little child, To shield it from the cold.

Would our words take on a fuller note,
Would our smile more meaning hold,
Could we say, "His will be done" and gloat
O'er precious little things and not so
much o'er gold?

She never had a lovely gown
And never wanted one.

Yet if you gave a kerchief pin worth a tlny
sum
Somehow she made you feel you had

bestowed a crown.

So Grandma had a ladies poise

Not in smoothed out, ironed out training
But just a gentle loving voice

The pride of a queen proclaimling.

I wonder now just what it meant,
To have five care worn honest sons
Come home to Mother old and bent.
Did they seem to her as our little ones?

Others now care for her babies dear Babes whose forms are bent with age. Does the Mother's spirit linger here To guide your hearts, cheer your days.

Did her spirit hover o'er their sons, Sons, who wrapped in the flag in the great World War?

Cowards do not spring from so great a one Stout hearts like hers the flags ne'er lower.

Some of her daughters are left to us yet, To carry on the Mother's part We think she has left not a single debt, No hurt is behind and no wounded heart.

So today though Grandpa don't sing the old song

Don't tell us the wonders of long ago days,

Their spirits may hover to guide us along,
To abide by his will, to strengthen our
ways.
Read at First Clark Reunion, 1924.











